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COMPETITION COMMISSION SLAPS ₹213 CRORE PENALTY ON META

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) on Monday imposed ₹213.14 crore penalty on the company for abusing its dominant position

ACTION OVER 2021 WHATSAPP PRIVACY UPDATE

The penalty is over Meta-owned WhatsApp's 2021 privacy policy update on a 'take-it-or-leave-it' basis. The commission said the update forces users to comply, undermining their autonomy, and constitutes an abuse of Meta's dominant position. The CCI said it constituted "an imposition of unfair condition" under the Competition Act, 2002

ASKS META TO BAR WHATSAPP DATA SHARING

- The regulator asked the US social media giant to bar WhatsApp from sharing data it collected with other Meta companies
- The CCI said sharing of user data collected on WhatsApp with other Meta companies for purposes other than for providing WhatsApp services shall not be made a condition for users to access in India

Sec 4(2)

OF COMPETITION ACT, 2002 BREACHED BY THE 2021 PRIVACY POLICY UPDATE

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Protester killed; more troops sent to Manipur

Helpless local BJP office bearers resign; Shah holds 2nd review meet

MUKESH RANJAN AND PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ New Delhi/Guwahati

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday chaired a high-level meeting to review the security situation in Manipur with senior officials, his second in as many days.

One person was killed and another injured in alleged police firing during mob violence in Jiribam town on Sunday night even as several local office bearers of the ruling BJP submitted their resignations expressing deep concern over the prevailing "unwelcome/helpless situation".

A mob had gone on the rampage in Jiribam and attacked the offices of the BJP and the Congress, prompting the police to allegedly open fire. The state government has ordered a probe.

Given the volatile situation, the Union home ministry decided to send 50 more companies of the Central Armed Police Forces to the trouble-torn state. This is over and above 20 companies sent last week.

At the meeting, Shah directed the CAPFs and the state police to intensify their operations to quickly restore normalcy. In Imphal, Chief Minister N Biren Singh chaired a meeting with the NDA legislators. Twenty-three MLAs — 14 from BJP, five from its ally Naga People's Front, three from National People's Party (NPP) and an Independent — besides the lone Rajya Sabha member attended the meet.

The NDA has a strength of 46 in the 60-member House. The NPP served notices to its three MLAs who attended the meet despite the party's withdrawal of support to the government.

The meetings came in the wake of arson attacks and vandalism by mobs targeting the houses and the properties of over a dozen legislators, including ministers. Leishangthem Susindro, a minister, has built a bunker at his house, which was targeted by a mob.

The government extended the ban on internet and mobile data services in seven affected districts, and ordered the closure of all educational institutes in Imphal East, Imphal West and Bishnupur districts. Influential Meitei organisation, 'Coordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity', locked the GST Bhavan and election department office on Monday.

Minister Govindas Konthoujam's residence, that was set on fire in Bishnupur | PTI

> **There is no question of withdrawing support. The govt is doing its best but unfortunately, it could not save lives. We appeal to people to exercise restraint** — BJP ally Naga People's Front minister Awangbou Newmai

K'taka may sue Maha govt over ads on guarantees

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Congress government in Karnataka is considering filing a legal suit against the Maharashtra government for allegedly publishing misleading advertisements about its (Karnataka's) guarantee schemes, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said on Monday.

The advertisements have come up ahead of the Assembly elections in Maharashtra, which is ruled by the Eknath Shinde-led alliance government, of which BJP is a part of.

Siddaramaiah told reporters here after Kanaka Jayanthi celebrations that the Maharashtra government had issued advertisements alleging that the guarantee schemes — which are credited for bringing the Congress back to power in Karnataka last year — were not implemented, while the Karnataka government is on record stating that it is spending Rs 56,000 crore every year on the five guarantee schemes.

One of the advertisements released in Maharashtra criticising Congress' guarantee schemes in Karnataka, which Siddaramaiah has objected to, states, "Vaada kiya, Dhoka diya" (Made promises, but betrayed).

The CM said these advertisements issued by the Maharashtra government were misleading and full of lies, and alleged that Prime Minister Narendra Modi, too, had lied about them. "All this, they are doing for votes," he said, adding that the Karnataka government was now considering filing a lawsuit against the Maharashtra government. "We are checking the possibilities of moving the court, for which we are legally reviewing it," he said. P4

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah at a programme to mark Kanaka Jayanthi in Bengaluru on Monday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

EXPRESS READ

CM's brother-in-law appears before ED in MUDA case

Bengaluru: Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's brother-in-law Mallikarjuna Swamy appeared before Enforcement Directorate officials in connection with the Mysore Urban Development Authority (MUDA) case. He is accused no. 3 in the money laundering case registered by the ED in connection with the land allotment case | P4

16-year-old jumps to death from 7th floor

Bengaluru: A 16-year-old student of a reputed school allegedly jumped to his death from the seventh floor of his apartment complex in Hennur early Monday morning. The deceased, S Adheev, was reportedly upset at not getting selected for the school cricket team | P3

Docs revive man 2 hours after heart stops beating

Bhubaneswar: Doctors at AIIMS-Bhubaneswar virtually brought a 'dead' man back to life after his heart stopped beating for nearly two hours after cardiac arrest. The patient, an army jawan, was revived with the help of advanced extracorporeal cardiopulmonary resuscitation (eCPR) | P5

CURRENT INTEREST RATES STRESSFUL, CUT THEM: FM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mumbai

FINANCE minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday said the current cost of borrowing is very stressful and asked banks to cut the interest rates to make borrowing more affordable.

"What is important is that when you look at our growth requirements, and you have so many different voices coming out and saying the cost of borrowing is really very stressful, and a time when we want industries to ramp up and move (to) building capacities, interest rates will have to be far more affordable," Sitharaman said at a SBI event here.

Her remarks come amid the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) decision not to lower the interest rates since February 2023. The rates were left unchanged for the tenth time in the October policy. Retail inflation, too, remains above the tolerance level. With the retail inflation rising to a 14-month high of 6.21% in October, analysts are expecting the central bank to keep the rates unchanged in the next policy review in December as well.

Scamsters are duping you with 'invite scam' now

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

A new cyber crime has caught citizens off guard and has left experts and officials perplexed. It's the wedding invite scam. Cases related to this crime are on the rise. It is not limited to wedding invitations alone. Invitations to other events, functions and charity shows are also sent.

Once the links or invites are opened, the malware affects the device, after which it is remote accessed. People then start complaining of devices slowing down, being affected by viruses or even complaining of deletion of data. Cyber crime officials have cautioned people against the new scam. The officials have asked the affected people to report to them before approaching repair centres.

"The malware starts to steal information after getting access to the apps," Chetan Anand, national cyber security scholar and cybercrime intervention officer, said. P2

> **This form of crime is more dangerous as the phone or device is opened up**
>
> Major Vineet Kumar, founder, CyberPeace

No custodian for locked room in Nirman Bhawan

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

THE custody of a nondescript locked room No 4 on the ground floor in 'A' wing of Nirman Bhawan has become a mystery of sorts as no one seems to know which ministry or department it has been allotted it.

Nirman Bhawan houses offices of a couple of ministries and departments, including the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) and its affiliated divisions such as the Central Public Work Department (CPWD), Land and Department Office and the ministry of tribal affairs. However, no ministry or department operating from the complex has come forward to claim its custody despite sending multiple reminders.

In a fresh circular recently, the CPWD stated that it would break open the lock under supervision by the panel as no office had responded. Following the notices, only the Directorate of Estates, under the MoHUA, sent its response. "It is still known which department or ministry holds the possession of the room in question. November 25 is fixed to open the room," said an official.

The room's lock will be broken next Monday at 11 am in the presence of a panel constituted to oversee it. "Representative of the ministries or departments (if any) may be deputed to present at the scheduled time and venue. Further, this room will be taken into this directorate's (CPWD) custody," read the latest circular.

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BRIDGING GAPS

UPI brought many people into financial system: Expert

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INDIA has set a global example by breaking down barriers and enabling millions of people to participate in the financial system, RBI Innovation Hub CEO Rajesh Bansal said on Monday.

He was speaking during a two-day international symposium organised by the Indian Institute of Management-Bengaluru (IIM-B), on digital innovations, financial inclusion and sustainability. The event brought together industry leaders, policymakers and academicians to explore how fintech innovations can drive financial inclusion and sustainability.

Bansal highlighted how initiatives like Aadhaar and UPI boosted financial inclusion, making banking accessible even in remote areas.

IIM-B Director Dr Rishikesha T Krishnan spoke about India's evolving digital finance landscape, emphasising the need for a more distributed network of service providers to ensure broader financial access.

The symposium featured several sessions, including a panel discussion on 'Digitalisation and Financial Inclusion'. Experts from institutions like London School of Economics, Karnataka Planning Commission and British International Investment shared insights on India's digital infrastructure and the path to rapid financial inclusion. A session on 'Innovations and Business Models for Sustainability' highlighted scalable and paperless solutions integrating green energy and digital mobility.

Industry leaders highlighted the importance of academic-industry collaboration to advance sustainability efforts. The event also included a fireside chat by Amazon's Amit Nanda and keynotes from global sustainability experts.

KSR STATION TO BE MODELLED ALONG KIA

Somanna: Project presented before Railway Board; facelift to provide employment

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UNION Minister of State for Railways **V Somanna** announced that KSR Bengaluru City Railway Station will undergo a major transformation, and will be modelled after Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) at a cost of Rs 1,500 crore.

Speaking to the media in the city on Monday, he shared updates about the Detailed Project Report (DPR). "The project was presented before the Railway Board for approval and clarifications concerning the makeover of the railway station was sought. We will respond to the clarifications raised by the Board in a few days."

Highlighting the vast 160-acre area available for development, Somanna assured that once complete, the revamped railway station will offer the public facilities which they now enjoy at the international airport. He added that the facelift would provide employment to many people. Lauding Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the minister said development works are progressing because of his constant encouragement for innovative projects.

He also promised that he would discuss the same with Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw and announce the launch of the facelift project soon. Replying to questions from the media regarding allegations by Congress MLA Ravi Ganiga, who claimed that legislators from the Congress party were offered Rs 100 crore each by the BJP and JDS to destabilise the government, Somanna said, "It does not suit his position to come out with allegations like this. This is akin to the previous '40% commission' allegation."

US varsity offers $2m scholarship for students

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TO expand its global presence, Texas-based Rice University will offer up to $2 million annually in scholarships as part of its Rice Global India initiative. This will fully fund PhD programmes and subsidise master's degree programmes.

The initiative aims to deepen collaborations with premier Indian institutions like the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, and IIT Kanpur. These partnerships will focus on cutting-edge research in areas such as artificial intelligence, sustainable energy, advanced materials and healthcare innovation. The university also plans to establish a state-of-the-art accelerator in Bengaluru to drive research, entrepreneurship and post-graduate education, officials from Rice said at a press conference on Monday.

The $2 million funding will primarily support scholarships for Indian students pursuing master's and PhD programmes at Rice. PhD students will receive fully funded positions, including stipends of approximately $35,000 annually, along with tuition waivers. The initiative also aims to facilitate student and faculty member exchanges, enabling participants to gain valuable experience across campuses in Houston and Bengaluru.

Rice University will fully fund PhD and master's degree programmes

Rice is also exploring partnerships with industries and global capability centres (GCCs) in Karnataka. University leaders mentioned that they recently met with Karnataka IT and BT Minister Priyank Kharge to discuss collaborative opportunities. These include joint research projects with GCCs and initiatives to address challenges in areas like energy, climate change and urban infrastructure.

1ST PO AT KUDLU

The first post office in Kudlu in Bommanahalli zone was declared open by chief postmaster general, Karnataka Circle, Rajendra S Kumar and postmaster general, Bengaluru HQ Region LK Dash on Monday morning. Many senior citizens came down to witness the launch of this sub PO at Vastu Enclave. The CPMG said the sub PO will be manned by a single person with a Dak Sevak assisting the work. It will be open from 9 am to 5 pm and will be closed on Sundays and other postal holidays.

STARTING TODAY, TAKE NEW ROUTES ALONG OLD MADRAS ROAD

To decongest Old Madras Road and KR Pura Police Station Road (new police station), in KR Pura traffic police station limits, the Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP) issued restrictions starting Tuesday

The road from BBMP Junction on Old Madras Road to the Veterinary Hospital, near KR Pura Law and Order Police Station, will be a one-way road

The u-turn at BBMP Junction on Old Madras Road will be closed

Vehicles from Old Madras Road to KR Pura, TC Palya, and Anandapura via KR Pura Police Station should take a left turn and proceed

BMTC buses from ITI Gate to Hosakote must drop passengers at the bus stop near Sri Rama Hospital

BMTC buses from ITI Gate to Diesel Shed Road should take a u-turn at Government College Junction and proceed to the depot

Vehicles coming from Ananda-pura and KR Puram village to the city should take a left turn near Kote Venkataramana Swamy Temple, proceed via Old Madr -as Road, and take a u-turn near GRT

Heavy goods vehicles from ITI Gate should take a u-turn at Government College Junction and proceed towards the city

Vehicles from TC Palya should take a left near Muniyappa Garden, proceed via Govt College Road, and reach Govt College Jn

Vehicles from KR Pura market should take a right turn near Govt Hospital Jn and proceed via KR Pura Police Station Road

Festival of Australia brings edu, culinary delights to B'luru

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THE Australian Trade and Investment Commission (Austrade) hosted its first ever Festival of Australia in Bengaluru on Monday, showcasing the nation's top institutions, universities, and food and beverage products. The event, part of a four-city tour that includes Mumbai, Hyderabad, Bengaluru and Kochi, offered a platform for Indian consumers and students to experience Australia's offerings in education and cuisine. The key highlight of the event was incorporation of augmented reality (AR) and virtual reality (VR), to showcase Australia's landscapes, beaches, and cities to Indian students, giving them a sense of what it would be like to live and study in Australia.

The festival provided Indian students and parents an opportunity to engage directly with representatives from Australian universities to explore course options tailored to their career aspirations. A masterclass on 'Upskilling for Professional Impact through Human Skills,' led by Renata Sguario, CEO of Maxme Australia, offered insights into building professional competencies.

The event brought together 14 Australian universities and five education partners to showcase Australia's educational programmes and opportunities to Indian students and also featured a panel discussion with Indian school leaders, Australian university representatives, and industry experts, focusing on what prospective students seek when choosing international education.

Vik Singh, Trade and Investment Commissioner – South Asia, Austrade highlighted that the festival celebrates the growing ties between India and Australia, providing Indian students and families a glimpse of what makes Australia a premier destination for learning and fine dining.

FROM TRADITION TO INNOVATION: GOVT SCHOOL IN MAKALI RENOVATED

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IN an impressive transformation, a government primary school in Makali has undergone a major renovation. The school now boasts modern amenities, including digital classrooms and a water purification system, providing students with a healthier and more technologically-advanced learning environment. The newly constructed three-storey building has spacious classrooms and a staff room furnished with modular furniture. The project aligns with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 4, which aims to ensure quality education for all. Himalaya Wellness has committed to maintaining the school for three years.

The company, with the support of government approvals and construction partnerships, has provided modern amenities to create a conducive learning environment for the students of the primary government school. In addition, the school is equipped with a principal's office, separate restrooms for boys and girls, a kitchen, a dining hall, three classrooms, a community hall, and provisions for further digital learning.

The Government Primary School in Makali which was transformed

KG Umesh, Director-Human Resources, Himalaya Wellness Company, said that "As a socially conscious company committed to making a positive impact in society, we believe in enriching lives through initiatives that bring about a difference. The transformed Government Primary School in Makali is our way of supporting quality education and sustainable community development. By providing an environment conducive to learning, we aim to empower young minds for self-development and future employability."

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

19th November: If, like me, you're looking forward to going into space and travelling to the stars, then I reckon it should be possible to go as a paying commercial traveller within the decade. At the moment, the cheapest tickets cost more than most of us see in a lifetime. But, like anything else, prices should come down with time. Hopefully!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
The Sun swaps its relationship with romantic Neptune for one with optimistic Jupiter. In effect this means that there will be little change in the dreamy, impractical nature of the times. You may as well face up to a week which favours poetic imagination rather than practical realities.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
The lure of the strange and unusual is becoming stronger in your horoscope day by day and week by week. The question is, can you satisfy this aspect of your character close at hand or must you plan an overseas expedition? Are you ready for a voyage into the unknown?

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
You will be caught in the same unrealistic fantasies which affect so many people in your circle. This is no time for your famous clarity of thought, except in so far as you have minor domestic arrangements to complete. Let your imagination roam free, like a genie out of a bottle.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
You are usually a shrewd judge of character, yet your normal good sense has temporarily abandoned you. You are likely to judge other people by romantic criteria which have nothing to do with them and everything to do with your unfulfilled expectations.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
You're free to make your own decisions - and don't forget it! Most of what happens will not influence you on a deeply personal level. Instead it will be external matters - work, savings and so on - which seem to be important. Plus, of course, you have a great deal more in the way of social skills than usual.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
You may feel safe with Mercury once again in a secure location, meaning that you now have the strength to shape decisions, arrangements and proposals to your will. Waste no effort, for time is short - very short. The first step is to see that your finances are in order.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
It is just your luck to be seized with a great deal of determined and practical energy when the general planetary situation is supporting your motivation, competence and skill. You'll overcome a personal challenge with your usual brilliance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
You may be involved in secret or discreet discussions, yet while one part of you realises the importance of keeping the facts close to your chest, another will be urging you to blurt out everything you know. Wait a couple of days and your position should be stronger.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
It would be a shame if your genuine nobility of spirit were now to be sacrificed on the altar of financial success. Instead, try to see that money is a resource to be used for the general good. A change of heart on your part will transform partners' feelings about you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Your eyes may be bigger than your stomach at the moment, which is a colourful way of saying that your ambitions may be unrealistic considering your resources. Traditional entertainments suit your mood, so stick to old friends and familiar places - and be happy!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Given that the overwhelming mood of the times is philanthropic, charitable, confused, visionary, impractical and muddled, see to it that you are able to distinguish gullibility and exploitation from genuine service to others. Be a door-mat no longer!

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
It may be with a certain amount of relish that you observe so many other people behaving in a way which is out of character for them but perfectly natural to you. In other words, it's unrealistic and muddled, dreamy and romantic. At last, the whole world takes its cue from you!

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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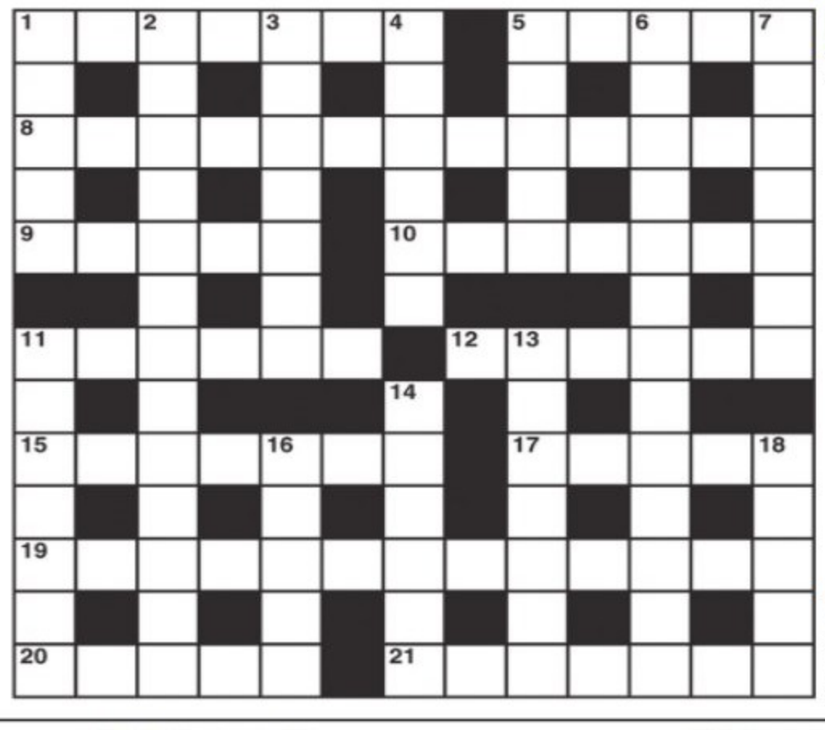
Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Denied the necessity to carry a gun (7)
5 The inside alternatively is extra (5)
8 When one may get a change of scene meanwhile (2,3,8)
9 Be way out about a point (5)
10 Not conscious there's a new aura about (7)
11 Highfliers get good scores on the course (6)
12 Warships in retreat - what films may be about? (6)
15 Restoration novel in authentic setting (7)
17 Manufacturing lacks go in Pakistan (5)
19 It gives one no real alternative (7,6)
20 Inert form of explosive ingredient (5)
21 China's place in Western Europe (7)

DOWN
1 I pry about and find a racket (5)
2 Rather old to be harnessing a horse? (7,2,1,3)
3 Ether may be found around at this place (7)
4 Fair enough in Oz but mind out back in UK (6)
5 A grand musical work takes time (5)
6 Be strongly inclined to be an intellectual? (4,1,4,4)
7 They take no end of towels (7)
11 Made of clay from Teheran (7)
13 Please put in an old-fashioned way (7)
14 Not open for business yet clinched the deal (6)
16 A question of property (5)
18 Geese highly regarded as a group (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Crush, 8 Intended, 9 Allot, 10 Nightcap, 11 State, 12 Ada, 16 Rogues, 17 Indeed, 18 Ham, 23 Masai, 24 Showdown, 25 Rigid, 26 Easterly, 27 Stamp.

Down: 2 Relation, 3 Short cut, 4 Unwind, 5 Delhi, 6 Edict, 7 Adept, 12 Ash, 13 Aim, 14 Idealist, 15 Geranium, 19 As well, 20 Usher, 21 Morse, 22 Adieu.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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Good news, bad news. Good news- the tree is down. I guess you know the bad news.
HE'D PLANNED TO CUT THE TREE SO IT ENDED UP AWAY FROM THE HOUSE, BUT HIS PLANS ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: CARRY ROBOT DEFECT BICKER
Answer: Germany's railway company, Deutsche Bahn, has had a reliable — TRACK RECORD

A man and his two teenage sons are believed to have drowned in the backwaters of Ghataprabha River at Benakanaholi near Hukkeri, while they were fishing on Sunday evening. According to the police, Laxman Ram Ambali (49), his sons Ramesh (14) and Yallappa (12) had gone fishing and did not return home. Their bodies are yet to be traced

16-YR-OLD JUMPS TO DEATH FROM 7TH FLOOR

Class 11 student wanted to change school after failing to make it to the cricket team

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UPSET at not getting selected for the school cricket team, a 16-year-old Class 11 student of a reputed international school allegedly jumped to his death from the seventh floor of his apartment complex in Hennur police station limits, in the wee hours of Monday.

The deceased, S Adheev, was a resident of Mantri Splendor Apartments at Geddalahalli in Kothanur. The boy is suspected to have taken the extreme step between 1.30am and 5am. The body was found behind the apartment block by cleaning staff on Monday morning. Police have not found any death note.

Adheev was passionate about cricket and was reportedly upset at not getting selected for the school team. He wanted to change his school so he could join the cricket team in another institution. Adheev is said to have discussed this with his family. On Sunday afternoon, he argued with his parents over the matter and left his house in a huff. Police suspect this could be the reason behind the death.

"When Adheev did not return home on Sunday night, his family kept calling him repeatedly, and he had said he would return in a while. His family was unaware when he returned home, and suspect that he may have come around midnight. They got to know about the incident on Monday morning from the apartment staff," said an officer.

The boy's father Suneeth, a software professional, filed a complaint. Police registered a case of unnatural death. The family hails from Uttar Pradesh and has been staying in the city for the past 15 years. Hennur police registered a case.

HELP IS AT HAND

If you are having suicidal thoughts, or are worried about a friend or need emotional support, someone is always there to listen. Call Sneha Foundation - 04424640050, Tele Manas - 14416 (available 24x7) or iCall, the Tata Institute of Social Sciences' helpline - 02225521111, which is available Monday to Saturday from 8am to 10pm.

18 INJURED AS BUS TOPPLES ON NH-48

Tumakuru: Eighteen passengers sustained injuries when a private bus, heading towards Bengaluru from Kalaburagi, toppled on National Highway-48 at Hegganahalli village near Tumakuru around 7 am on Monday. Thirty-five passengers were onboard the bus. Police suspect that the driver might have dozed off and lost control over the vehicle. When the bus started veering off the road, the driver slowed it down and tried to bring it on track, but it toppled. Traffic was disrupted for some time on the Puna-Bengaluru Highway following the accident. A case has been registered. **ENS**

CRIME PATROL

2 booked under POCSO for harassing minor

Bengaluru: Two men who attempted to sexually molest a minor girl, were arrested by Hebbagodi police. The accused were identified as Srikanta and Vijay. Police said that based on a complaint filed by the girl's mother, police arrested the men who are neighbours, and booked them under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. The duo reportedly lured the girl by offering her chocolates and took her to a vacant spot near a temple in Hebbagodi. The girl screamed when the youths touched her in an inappropriate manner. When she started screaming, the duo fled the scene. The girl later informed her mother about the incident, who filed a complaint. **ENS**

Minibus driver gets jail for mowing down biker

Bengaluru: The Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate Court sentenced a 37-year-old minibus driver to one year and three months of imprisonment and fined him Rs 9,000 for reckless driving leading to the death of a biker. The incident occurred on September 14, 2021, on the Varthur Main Road in Whitefield traffic police limits. According to the police, Sunil Kumar was driving towards Gunjur when he knocked down the two-wheeler of Kalyan Kumar M (25) near Vinay Nagar Road in Varthur. Kalyan was rushed to a hospital with grievous head injuries and fell into a coma. He succumbed to his injuries on December 10. The Whitefield traffic police registered a case against the driver under Sections 279 and 304(A) of the IPC. **ENS**

Anonymous letter says Belagavi SDC murdered

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WHILE the Belagavi police have confirmed that the second division assistant (SDC) in Belagavi tahsildar's office, Rudresh Yadavannavar, committed suicide two weeks ago, an anonymous letter to the police gave a new twist to the case on Monday.

The letter, which is said to have also been sent to the Belagavi Deputy Commissioner, Police Commissioner, Regional Commissioner, Governor and Human Rights Commission, stated that Yadavannavar did not commit suicide but was murdered.

As per the preliminary police inquiry, Yadavannavar reached the chamber of tahsildar Basavaraj Nagaral after having his dinner on November 4 and hanged himself from the ceiling.

Later, the Belagavi police claimed that it was a clear case of suicide and there was no conspiracy. However, the anonymous letter points fingers at the driver of Basavaraj Nagaral and alleges his involvement in the "murder" of Yadavannavar.

The letter appeals to the police authorities to interrogate Nagaral, who is the main accused in the suicide case filed at Khadebazaar police station in Belagavi, to bring out the truth.

The mother of the deceased, Mallavva Yadavannavar, has said that her son was not a coward who would commit suicide and alleged that there was a conspiracy against him. She hit out at the police for not sharing information about the case with the family. She has appealed to the authorities to ensure justice to her family.

Belagavi Police Commissioner Iada Martin Marbaniang has said that he is not aware of the anonymous letter and his department has taken up the case seriously.

Top: The stolen car was abandoned near Nerli village of Hukkeri taluk. Cash found in the car | EXPRESS

Bizman says car lifted by robbers had ₹75L, vehicle found abandoned with ₹1.01 crore!

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THE district police have traced the car which was stolen by a gang of masked robbers from a jewellery businessman when the latter was passing through Belagavi two days ago.

Interestingly, the businessman had filed a police complaint stating that Rs 75 lakh was kept in the car. However, the vehicle was found abandoned with Rs 1.01 crore kept in a box. The robbers had threatened jewellery businessman Suraj Vanamane from Kerala at gunpoint on Nipani-Sankeshwar National Highway on November 15, and fled with the car and cash.

Vanamane lodged a complaint with the Sankeshwar police stating that he had gone to Karanagi village in Sangli district of Maharashtra to sell old jewellery of his father-in-law.

He had kept Rs 75 lakh, which he got after selling the jewellery, in a specially-made box in the car. However, the police recovered Rs 1.01 crore from the car that was abandoned at Nerli village, near Hukkeri.

Speaking to media persons, Superintendent of Police Dr Bhimashankar Guled said, "As the cash recovered from the car was more than what the complainant had mentioned, the police have taken Vanamane and other two people into custody for inquiry. Police teams have left for Kerala, Sangli and other places for investigation."

IAS officer opens invite link, gets honey-trapped

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"THE inbuilt antivirus on mobile phones can't handle this threat," Anand said. He said invitations are sent in the form of APK files. Once they are opened, the system gets affected. People should register their complaints with the authorities concerned.

The experts pointed out that government officials, white-collar professionals and people in the communication field are vulnerable to such attacks. This is because of the increased use of electronic devices to access information.

Recently, a senior IAS officer opened an invite link without realising it was malware. His phone was compromised. Later, the official was honey trapped, said a senior cyber crime official. The official said NCRB now reports such cases under the malware category.

Major Vineet Kumar, founder and global president of CyberPeace, said invitations are so catchy that people are unable to resist them. They are not just coming from unknown numbers, but even from known ones. Investigations revealed that even the sender's phone has also been compromised.

"This form of crime is more dangerous as the phone or device is opened up. Many start-ups are now working on innovative solutions to tackle this problem. In many countries, Domain Name System (DNS) security projects have been implemented, but in India, pilot studies are on," he said.

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SRI D.K. SHIVAKUMAR
DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER
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By Hon'ble Minister for Transport & Muzrai
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Referring to the government's decision to revise the list of BPL cardholders, Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara defended the move, clarifying that it is unrelated to the state's guarantee schemes. "It is necessary to revise the list to ensure that only deserving individuals benefit. While this should have been done earlier, better late than never. We will remove ineligible cardholders to uphold fairness," he asserted

BJP-JDS OFFERED ₹100 CR TO OUR MLAs: CONGRESS LEGISLATOR

● Ganiga's Assembly colleagues contradict his claims, say they are loyal to ruling party ● Dr G says state govt willing to reinvestigate '40% commission' charge

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DAYS after Chief Minister Siddaramaiah accused the BJP-JDS combine of offering Rs 50 crore each to 50 Congress MLAs to destabilise the Congress government in the state, Mandya MLA **Ravikumar Ganiga** further alleged that the BJP offered Rs 100 crore each to Congress MLAs.

"BJP leaders contacted Chikkamagaluru MLA Thamanna and Kittur MLA Babu. We have information about meetings in hotels, guest houses, and airports. We have audio, video, CD, pen drive, and iCloud proof that will be released to the media soon," he told reporters.

He claimed that Opposition leaders offered Rs 100 crore each, as the Congress legislators did not respond to the Rs 50-crore offer. He also accused the BJP of using funds that were looted in the previous government, to topple the present government.

He added that a few indulging in destabilising the government are demanding a probe, but those who attempted to lure the legislators are maintaining silence. "Our MLAs will not fall prey to the BJP's designs. We are united and the government is stable," he claimed.

However, Congress MLA HD Thamanna rejected his party MLA's claims by stating that nobody had contacted him. "Nobody has contacted me and I have no idea why Ganiga said it. You should ask him," Thamanna told reporters in Chikkamagaluru, responding to Ganiga's claims. Rubbishing it as a rumour, the MLA said he was with the BJP earlier, before the Assembly polls, and he has nothing to do with that party anymore.

Meanwhile, Kaduru Congress MLA KS Anand also clarified that none of the BJP leaders had contacted him offering money. "I grew up as a loyal Congressman, starting with the student wing of the party, NSUI, and hence, no BJP leaders have dared to call me," he said.

Separately, Kittur MLA Babasaheb Patil claimed that while he had an offer from the BJP soon after the Congress formed the government last year, nobody so far offered him anything to join the BJP. "The BJP has been trying to rope in several legislators of our party for the last one year, but in vain. None of the Congress legislators will give in to the BJP's pressure tactics. We firmly remain with our party," he stated.

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Govt will order probe into 'BJP's offers', if necessary

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

AMID Congress leaders' claims that the BJP is offering money to the MLAs of the ruling party to destabilise the state government, Home Minister **Dr G Parameshwara** on Monday said they would order a probe, if it is necessary. "Investigation is not child's play. The government is ready to order a probe into any issue if necessary. If such a situation arises, we will order a probe," he said, responding to questions on the Opposition's demand for ordering a probe into such allegations.

Defending Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's claims that 50 Congress MLAs were approached by the BJP with an offer of Rs 50 crore each, the home minister said everyone knows that such attempts are being made. Parameshwara said even if they are unable to tell exactly how much money was offered, there were talks of offering Rs 50 crore and the CM mentioned it. The CM has made that statement and there will be some meaning and source for that statement, he said.

He said the government is willing to initiate a reinvestigation into the allegations of a '40% commission', if necessary. "I will go through the Lokayukta's report, and then we will decide the course of action. If needed, we are ready to reopen the case and conduct further investigations," he said.

Referring to statements made by Waqf Minister BZ Zameer Ahmed Khan against Union minister HD Kumaraswamy, Parameshwara said KPCC president DK Shivakumar has stated that the remarks have harmed the party. "Leaders must understand that their words can have serious consequences," he said.

Meanwhile, responding to the issue of drug trafficking, Parameshwara highlighted the government's strong measures to combat the menace. "We have declared a war on drugs. Numerous cases have been filed, and raids are being conducted on medical shops selling drugs in the guise of medicines," he said.

WE'LL KNOW TRUTH ABOUT '40% COMMISSION' AFTER PANEL'S PROBE: PRIYANK

BENGALURU: After the Lokayukta investigation found that the allegations made by the then vice-president of state contractors association, R Ambikapathy, against the then BJP government were not proven, RDPR Minister Priyank Kharge said the truth about the "40% commission" charge against the previous dispensation would be known after a comprehensive probe by the Justice Nagamohan Das Commission. The Congress government has constituted the panel to probe the allegations. The minister said the BJP has refuted many allegations, including irregularities in the PSI recruitments and the Covid-19 pandemic management, but investigations have prima facie proved those wrong-doings. The Lokayukta probe report stated that they have not got any evidence to prove Ambikapathy's allegations, and he had not received any contracts from the BBMP for six years.

FROM WHERE DID MONEY COME FOR OPERATION LOTUS, ASK CONG NETAS

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OPERATION Lotus is back in political parlance, with Congress leaders accusing the BJP of attempting to poach Congress legislators. After Mandya MLA Ravikumar Ganiga alleged that the BJP offered Rs 100 crore to each Congress MLA, RDPR and IT/BT minister **Priyank Kharge** on Monday said it would be no surprise if BJP has done so.

"The BJP resorted to all strategies, including misuse of Central investigation agencies and the Governor's office, and Operation Lotus to destabilise governments in states where its footing is weak," he told reporters at Vidhana Soudha.

"Operation Kamala was first started by the BJP in Karnataka, and later taken to other states. It is the BJP model, and ED and IT are being used in states where the BJP is organisationally weak. In some states, they abuse the governor. There is evidence of Operation Kamala. They brought down the government in Maharashtra along with businessman Gautam Adani. There are many examples of governments being removed," he said.

"Our MLAs were being contacted by 'friends', as they introduced themselves, but it didn't work out. It is said that BJP leaders are ready to whitewash the government with Rs 1,000 crore. So where did this money come from? What action has been taken regarding the statement of a leader (Basanagouda Patil Yatnal) that thousands of crores are being collected (by BJP state president BY Vijayendra). Wasn't there a money laundering case against the accused leader (Vijayendra) who forged his father (BS Yediyurappa's) signature? Rs 1000 crore! Is it Adani's money, 40 per cent commission or Covid scam money?" he said.

Social Welfare Minister Dr HC Mahadevappa asserted that the BJP will not succeed in its attempt to poach Congress MLAs who are standing strong with CM Siddaramaiah.

PROVIDE EVIDENCE, OR FACE ACTION, JOSHI TELLS GANIGA

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Hubballi

RESPONDING to Congress legislator Ravikumar Ganiga's claims that the BJP was trying to lure his party's MLAs to jump ship by offering them a bribe of Rs 100 crore, Union minister **Pralhad Joshi** on Monday told Ganiga to make public any pieces of evidence that he has on the matter. However, if his claims were unfounded, Joshi warned that action would be initiated against him.

Speaking to the media here on Monday, Joshi censured the Congress MLAs not to simply speak in the air and make baseless allegations. "Firstly, provide evidence on any BJP leaders who have made such offers. Whether it's Rs 100 crore or Rs 500 crore, if there is any evidence, release it. No one is stopping you. Ganiga has been talking about it since the beginning, but why hasn't he released any evidence yet?" he questioned.

Joshi stated that the Centre would take action against any Congress leader who has been discussing the issue of "offers of Rs 50 crore, Rs 100 crore, or Rs 500 crore". He also alleged that during the formation of the BJP government in the state, it was then senior Congress leader Siddaramaiah himself who had sent Congress MLAs to join the BJP. "Siddaramaiah didn't like the idea of forming a government with the JDS, so he stepped forward and sent some Congress MLAs to the BJP," he claimed.

"In the past, 'Operation Kamala' was conducted due to the unstable political situation in the state. But now the situation is different. The people have given Congress a clear mandate. So why should we interfere?" Joshi said.

The BJP leader emphasised that the party has clearly stated its intent to sit in the Opposition for the rest of the tenure. The party leadership has also instructed its state unit to focus on constructive work for the public good, while in Opposition, he added.

Accusing the Congress of engaging in a conspiracy to cover up its own misdeeds, Joshi said the court has given a clear ruling for an investigation against CM Siddaramaiah, who is entangled in corruption cases. Despite the Lokayukta investigation under way, Congress leaders were making these baseless statements to divert attention from real issues, he charged.

SOMANNA TO SIDDU

'Had advised you to surrender sites to MUDA'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

UNION Minister of State for Railways and Jal Shakti V Somanna, known for his camaraderie with leaders across party lines, turned well-wisher for Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in the MUDA case here on Monday. They exchanged pleasantries at Ramanashree Hotel premises, where the release of a book was scheduled.

Even as the curious audience and VIP guests were all ears, Somanna stunned everyone, including Siddaramaiah, by casually picking on the MUDA scam case and claiming to have advised the latter to surrender 14 sites to MUDA to avoid any controversy. "When it comes to Siddaramanna's issue, mine is straightforward talk. I don't know how to scare him (Siddaramaiah) like others do. Would all this have happened if you had listened to me? All this would not have happened if you had returned the sites then," Somanna told CM to his face.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and BJP MP Basavaraj Bommai share a light moment at the Ramanashree Sharana Prashasti award function in Bengaluru on Monday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Somanna and CM Siddaramaiah had met on Monday in Ramanashree Hotel premises in Bengaluru. Siddaramaiah, who is himself a lawyer, was taken aback by Somanna's words. "The BJP is lying. Tell me about the Land Acquisition Act and don't talk about something without knowledge," he retorted, defending his decisions on the MUDA case. He is facing a Lokayukta police inquiry and has already attended a hearing.

Siddaramaiah's wife BM Parvathi surrendered 14 sites to MUDA, coinciding with the ED filing an Enforcement Case Information Report against her.

Siddu, Bommai share bonhomie

After an intense campaign in the Shiggaon bypoll, CM Siddaramaiah and Haveri MP Basavaraj Bommai shared the dais and shared light moments at the Ramanashree Sharana Prashasti award function, organised by Akhila Bharat Sharana Sahitya Parishat. Siddaramaiah wished nonagenarian Go Ru Channabasappa, 95, a longer life. "I too wish to live for 100 years but for me and Basavaraj Bommai, being diabetics, it is difficult to maintain our health given our hectic schedules," he remarked.

"The caste system still exists today and a humane society is needed to eradicate it. Everyone should have equal opportunities," he said, while releasing the book 'Kshana hottu Animuthu' part-14 authored by S Shadakshari.

MUDA PROBE: CM'S BROTHER-IN-LAW APPEARS BEFORE ED

BENGALURU: Mallikarjuna Swamy, brother-in-law of CM Siddaramaiah, appeared before ED officials at the agency's office in Shantinagar here on Monday. Swamy was summoned in connection with the MUDA case. He is accused no. 3 in the money laundering case registered by the ED, in connection with the land allotment case. On September 30, the ED had registered an Enforcement Case Information Report (ECIR), equivalent to an FIR, against Siddaramaiah, his wife Parvathy BM, Mallikarjuna Swamy, and Devaraju, who sold the land to Swamy. The money laundering case was registered, taking cognisance of the FIR filed against Siddaramaiah by the Lokayukta on September 27, over the alleged irregularities in allotment of 14 sites to Parvathy by MUDA. Swamy was summoned by the ED to know when and how he purchased the land from Devaraju, and when he gifted it to his sister, Parvathy, and the type of transaction involved in the purchase of the land.

RICH TRIBUTES

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah celebrates Kanakadasa Jayanti in Bengaluru on Monday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

CM, ministers prepare for winter session

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WITH the state government gearing up to conduct the winter session of the Legislature in the second week of December, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah held a meeting with his senior cabinet colleagues to discuss a range of issues, including proposed bills, ongoing political issues, and the strategy to counter the Opposition during the session, which is due to commence in Belagavi from December 9.

The meeting was attended by a few senior ministers, including Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, Social Welfare Minister Dr HC Mahadevappa, IT/BT and RDPR Minister Priyank Kharge, Food and Civil Supplies Minister KH Muniyappa, Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy, and others.

'Watch your words'

It is learnt that Siddaramaiah instructed ministers not to make any controversial statements. They also discussed various issues, including the cancellation of BPL cards held by ineligible beneficiaries, and the notices sent by the Waqf Board to farmers.

The government is also planning to introduce many Bills in the session, including private university Bills, and the Bill to safeguard depositors. The CM took a suggestion on these Bills, which will be placed in both the Houses.

They also discussed the SIT taking up investigation into the alleged Covid-19 management scam during the previous BJP government's tenure. They also looked at probable officers who could head the probe team.

HDK has no moral right to speak on guarantees: CM

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During his recent visit to Maharashtra, Modi alleged that the Congress government in Karnataka was looting people and that the money was allegedly being used for campaigning for its party candidates in that state.

Siddaramaiah reiterated that they will not cancel the Below Poverty Line (BPL) cards of eligible beneficiaries. "We will cancel only the cards of ineligible beneficiaries," he said. "It was me who initiated free rice. In 2017, rice, which was given for one rupee per kilo, was given free. BJP has not done this anywhere in Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh or Bihar," he said.

Slamming the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) leaders, the CM said Union Minister and former Karnataka CM HD Kumaraswamy had no moral right to speak about the guarantee schemes. "When he was CM, had he implemented the guarantee schemes, then he could speak," he said.

He said Karnataka pays Rs 4.5 lakh crore tax to the Centre, but in return, the state gets only Rs 59,000 crore. "Why can't the NDA leaders (from Karnataka) speak and get our share?" he said.

Stakes high for bettors in Channapatna byelection

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

WITH just five days for the Channapatna bypoll results on November 23, betting fever is raging through the constituency and also in neighbouring Mandya district.

With Congress party's CP Yogeshwara, former minister and turncoat, having locked horns with former prime minister HD Deve Gowda's grandson Nikhil Kumaraswamy, the results look unpredictable.

A day after polling, Yogeshwara had remarked that Housing Minister Zameer Ahmed Khan's "racist" comment on Union minister HD Kumaraswamy could have an impact, and claimed the contest will end in a photofinish. Yet, nothing has diminished the spirit of the bettors, with JDS sympathisers showing more enthusiasm. They are ready to bet 2:3 against the odds -- it means a punter who bets on the JDS is ready to cough up Rs 3 lakh against Rs 2 lakh for the Congress candidate. According to sources, some leaders, especially from Mandya, are also involved and have huge stakes in the bypoll results.

A risky gamble

"If political parties spent over Rs 200 crore on electioneering illegally, at least a quarter of that amount might be pumped into betting by punters," a leader speculated. Regardless of the predictions, some bettors have also lured opponents into the risky game, he said.

Congress sympathisers claimed that after Yogeshwara's statement of a photo-finish result, the spirit among party sympathisers and small-time bettors came down by at least 20 per cent. "Yogeshwara might have made the statement to safeguard Congress workers from indulging in betting as the results are bound to be unpredictable and will end in a photofinish," former Bengaluru Rural MP DK Suresh said.

DON'T PLACE BETS, STAY CALM TILL RESULTS ARE OUT: NIKHIL

HARADANAHALLI: While placing bets on election results has always been cause for concern, NDA Channapatna candidate Nikhil Kumaraswamy has stepped in to advise those indulging in this activity. Nikhil, grandson of former PM HD Deve Gowda, on Monday urged people not to indulge in betting, stating that it negatively impacts families. Speaking to reporters after visiting his home deity in Haradanahalli of Holenarasipur taluk, Nikhil said he is aware of people having invested crores of rupees in betting around the impending results of the bypolls, including that of Channapatna. Accordingly, he asked them not to waste their money over the results under any circumstances, since many families have been destroyed by this vice. Nikhil said leaders, party workers and followers of political leaders, should instead stay calm till the results are announced.

As many as 2.26 lakh devotees have visited the Sabarimala temple this Mandala-Makaravilakku season, till 5pm on Monday. Though the virtual queue slots for darshan were fully booked till November 30, the actual arrival of devotees showed a marked fall

TTD to surrender non-Hindu staff to government

AI to be used to reduce waiting time for darshan

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@ Tirumala

THE newly constituted Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) Trust Board, which met for the first time at Annamayya Bhavan here on Monday, took several key decisions, including surrender of non-Hindu employees working in Tirumala to the State government, cancellation of lease of land given to Visakha Sarada Peetham, and provision of Darshan to local people on first Tuesday of every month.

Disclosing the details of the meeting to media-persons, TTD Trust Board Chairman BR Naidu said the board took a decision to hold consultations with the employees of other religions working with the TTD. They will be given the option of taking voluntary retirement or joining any other government department, he said.

Asserting that Visakha Sarada Peetham, which took land on lease from the TTD, committed several violations, he said the land lease will be cancelled and the building constructed on the land will be demolished. Sarada Peetham chief SwamySwaroopanandendra Saraswati was considered the spiritual guru of former Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy.

The board also discussed at length on reducing the waiting time for Sarva Darshan. After observing that it is taking up to 30 hours for having Sarva Darshan in some days, the board decided to make use of Artificial Intelligence and hire an expert consultancy to reduce it to not more than two hours. The debris piled up in the dumping yard in Tirumala will be cleared within two months, and a draft plan for disposal of the debris and collected waste within a day duration, and other possible steps will also be taken, he explained.

The trust board took a bold decision of withdrawing all the TTD fixed deposits from private banks and keep them in the nationalised banks. It was also decided to add another food item to Annadanam Canteen buffet.

ED SEIZES ₹12.41CR FROM BARON SANTIAGO MARTIN

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@ Chennai

THE Enforcement Directorate's searches at 22 premises linked to lottery baron Santiago Martin across six states, including Tamil Nadu, last week led to recovery and seizure of unexplained cash of ₹12.41 crore and freezing of bank deposits of ₹6.42 crore, the agency said on Monday.

Various digital devices, incriminating documents, records of huge investment in immovable properties at Coimbatore Chennai, Mumbai, Dubai and London and huge investments in share markets were found, the agency said in a release.

Searches were held in connection with an investigation against Martin and his entity M/s Future Gaming and Hotel Services Private Limited and other associates. Four printing presses where lottery tickets have been printed were also covered by the operation.

ED initiated the investigation based on an FIR registered by Meghalaya Police on complaint by the Director of Meghalaya State Lottery and Kerala Police FIRs taken over by the CBI.

Cash recovered by Enforcement Directorate on Monday | EXPRESS

The main allegations against the group are that they have illegally captured the lottery market by not allowing others to operate, selling fake lottery tickets, manipulating winning prizes and purchasing big prize winning tickets against cash payment for converting black money into white, leading to huge loss to the exchequer and general public.

The agency's investigation has further found that over 90% of the business of the company is in the lottery tickets with face value of ₹6 against which most of the prizes are below ₹10,000 which is non-taxable. No proper record is maintained by the company regarding prize winners, sold and unsold tickets. Lottery schemes are designed by the company in such a way that substantial profit goes to the company and the organising state gets a very small portion of the revenue.

The searches were conducted in West Bengal, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Meghalaya and Punjab apart from Tamil Nadu.

In the previous investigation in the matter at ED's Kochi zone, it was found that Martin and his company had acquired proceeds of crime of around ₹920 crore in lottery business, out of which properties of ₹622 crore have been attached and charge sheet has been filed.

RACING THE WIND

A boy runs amidst a flock of pigeons as they prepare to take flight at Marina beach in Chennai on Monday | PJAWAHAR

3 BILLS PASSED

Andhra scraps 2-child policy for local polls

S VISWANATH @ Vijayawada

CHIEF Minister **N Chandrababu Naidu**, who in recent times underlined the need for increasing population, has came up with bills removing the restrictions on those having more than two children to contest the local body elections.

The Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly on Monday passed the bills to amend the AP Panchayat Raj and AP Municipal Acts. As per the amendments, individuals irrespective of the number of children they have, can contest the local body elections hereafter.

In fact, it was the Naidu government, which amended the Panchayat Raj and Municipal Administration Department Acts in 1994 to control the population by incorporating the 'Two children norm' to disqualify individuals with more than two children from contesting the local body elections. Now, Naidu has shifted focus on population management, and came up with further amendments to the Acts to allow those having more children to contest the local body elections.

Naidu is of the firm opinion that population management is going to be an asset for the country in the years to come.

Accordingly, the State government tabled the bills to amend the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act, 1994, the Andhra Pradesh Municipalities Act, 1965, and the Municipal Corporation Act, 1955 to relax the two children norm.

While reviewing the population policy three decades after implementation of the two children norm, the government found that as per the National Family Health Survey, the Total Fertility Rate declined from 3.7 children in 1992-92 to 2.1 in 2019-21 in rural areas, and from 2.6 in 2001 to 1.5 in recent years in urban areas.

"As the declining fertility rates, population stabilisation and changing socio-economic conditions proved to be outdated and counterproductive, the government felt that repealing sections intended to control the population, will promote inclusive governance, reflect contemporary social values and align with global best practices and demographic trends," the bills read.

Seat matrix for PG med courses out

ENS @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka Examinations Authority released the seat matrix and fee details for postgraduate (PG) medical courses for the current academic year on its official website on Monday. Eligible candidates can enter their seat preferences between 2pm on November 19 and 4pm on November 22.

The mock seat allotment results will be published after 4pm on November 23, and candidates will have the chance to modify their preferences from 4pm on November 23 to 4pm on November 25. The final seat allotment results for the first round will be announced after 8pm on November 26. Candidates who are allotted seats must select their final choice between November 27 and 29 and pay the required fee by December 2.

UG Medical, Dental stray vacancy seat allotment: The special stray vacancy round for unfilled undergraduate (UG) medical seats and leftover dental seats will begin on Tuesday. Candidates allotted seats in this round must report to the respective colleges with original documents on November 29.

Increase central tax share to states to 50%: Stalin

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chennai

CHIEF Minister MK Stalin, during his meeting with 16th Finance Commission chairman Arvind Panagariya and members of the panel in Chennai on Monday, expressed concern over the decrease in devolution of central funds to the state and increasing financial burden due to additional expenses incurred for projects jointly implemented by the state and the centre. Stalin urged the commission to address the disparities in sharing of revenue among states and increase the share of central taxes to states to 50%.

Though the 15th Finance Commission's recommended for providing 41% tax revenue share, in the last four years, contrary to the recommendation, the union government's total tax devolution was just 33.16%, the CM said.

Additional funds should be allocated to performing states like Tamil Nadu, considering the overall development of the country. "A new approach should be adopted so that developing states like Tamil Nadu are not affected by the decrease in central allocation," he said.

CM Stalin submits memorandum to 16th Finance Commission chairman | EXPRESS

Speaking about the difficulties in implementing schemes, he said that states are largely responsible for implementing key projects in sectors like healthcare and education. Despite this, the power to generate funds for such projects by the states are limited, he said.

Urging to revamp the tax devolution mechanism, he said that while it is necessary to allocate additional resources to underdeveloped regions, it is also important to support well-performing states with their deserved share of resources.

REPEATED REQUESTS

SC/ST students from Hampi varsity yet to get scholarships

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Hosapete

HAMPI Kannada University's financial crisis seems to have worsened with its administrative section unable even to pay scholarships for students from the SC/ST communities for the academic year 2023-24.

In all, 130 SC/ST postgraduate and Ph.D scholars have not received their scholarships despite repeated requests to officials from the administrative section. They have threatened to stage a protest soon. The officials, however, blame it on the fund crunch being faced by the university.

The state's only Kannada university has been grappling with the financial crisis for the past many years and its reputation has taken a severe hit. A few months ago, the local electricity supply company disconnected power supply to the university as it failed to clear two years' power bills. Electricity supply was restored after the state government intervened and promised the company that steps would be taken to clear the dues soon.

These apart, over 100 contract workers have not been paid their salaries for the past eight months. They too are being promised that their salary arrears will be cleared soon.

A postgraduate student from the SC community said, "More than 130 SC/ST students have not received their scholarships. If the government fails to release funds soon, it would become difficult for the students to manage."

He said, "Last month, a minister visited our university. During discussions, we raised the scholarship issue and he promised that funds would be released soon to the university. The minister did not respond positively despite repeated requests by the students' union. We will stage a protest soon if scholarships are not given to us."

Docs bring man back to life after heart stops beating nearly 2 hours

HEMANTH KUMAR ROUT @ Bhubaneswar

IN an extraordinary medical feat, doctors at AIIMS-Bhubaneswar virtually brought a 'dead' man back to life after his heart stopped beating for nearly two hours.

The patient Subhakant Sahu, an army jawan, had suffered a cardiac arrest due to which his heart stopped beating. He was revived with the help of advanced extracorporeal cardiopulmonary resuscitation (eCPR), marking the first such case in Odisha. Subhakant, a resident of Odapala village in Nayagarh district, was initially rushed to Ranpur hospital after he complained of heart-related complications on September 30. He was shifted to AIIMS the next day when his condition worsened.

Intensivist and ECMO specialist Dr Srikant Behera said shortly after arrival, the patient suffered a cardiac arrest and despite 40 minutes of conventional CPR, there was no cardiac activity. "At this point, patients are usually declared dead. But we decided to employ eCPR. This is a state-of-the-art procedure that involves using a machine to temporarily take over the functions of the heart and lungs," he said. A multidisciplinary team of doctors initiated extracorporeal membrane oxygenation and eCPR, following which the patient's heart finally resumed beating, albeit with an irregular rhythm. His heart function, however, improved significantly in next 30 hours."

Mahout among 2 trampled to death by elephant

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Thoothukudi

A 45-year-old mahout and his relative were trampled to death by the Tiruchendur Murugan temple elephant while taking pictures with the animal using a mobile phone on Monday. The mahout, Udhayakumar of Tiruchendur, was the caretaker of the elephant for over two decades and the animal had not shown any aggressive behaviour in the past, temple authorities said.

Police said the mahout and his relative, Sisubalan (55) of Palukal in Kanniyakumari, were taking pictures standing next to the 26-year-old female elephant Deivanai at its shelter on the temple premises when the attack happened. Sources said Sisubalan patted the elephant's trunk, which made the animal aggressive and it lifted him with its trunk and threw him to the ground. Udhayakumar, who came to his relative's rescue, was smashed against the wall and was crushed to death on the spot, police said. Sisubalan died a few minutes later.

Temple police and forest officials sent the bodies to the Tiruchendur GH for postmortem. Sources said Udhayakumar's father was also a mahout.

Three elephants walk into boar trap, electrocuted

SAMBALPUR : Three elephants including a calf were electrocuted after coming in contact with an electric trap that had been laid by poachers to hunt wild boars on wee hours of Monday. The incident occurred in Naktideul range under Rairakhol forest division. While the adult elephants, both females, were aged between 35 and 40 years, the male calf was around three to four-year-old. The jumbos were part of a herd of 11 elephants that had been roaming in the forest since the last few days. The elephant carcasses were first spotted by villagers near Buramal forest in Naktideul range at around 5:30 am.

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Dy. Chief Engineer / Headquarter (Procurement Cell-3) GGSSTP, Roopnagar invites E-Tender ID No. 2024_POWER_129896_1 for Procurement of spares for ID Fans (Adjustable vanes and Exchangeable vanes).
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CDFD, an Institute of the Biotechnology Research and Innovation Council, Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India, invites applications from Indian nationals for the following purely temporary vacancies in the research project entitled "Mission Program on Pediatric Rare Genetic Disorders" funded by DBT.
(1) RESEARCH ASSOCIATE – I
(2) PROJECT ASSOCIATE – II
(3) PROJECT ASSOCIATE – I
Please refer CDFD website www.cdfd.org.in for detailed information regarding project position(s), emoluments etc., application format and general conditions. Interested candidates may register their names by applying in the prescribed application form online. Complete the application form online at http://www.cdfd.org.in. The last date for receipt of the applications is 02.12.2024 and applications received after 02.12.2024 will be rejected.

HINDUJA LEYLAND FINANCE
Corporate Office: 27 A, Developed Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai – 600032.
CIN: U65993MH2008PLC384221.
POSSESSION NOTICE
UNDER RULE 8(1) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES,2002
Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Hinduja Leyland Finance Ltd (HLF) under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated 19.08.2024 calling upon the Borrowers 1) M/S Sri Pavan Boutique Prop: Mrs. R P Shashikala & 2) M. Raju, who have availed loan against mortgage of property vide Loan Account No. KABNBN03554 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being amount Rs. 1,02,60,812.00/- (Rupees One Crore Two Lakh Sixty Thousand Eight Hundred and Twelve Only) as on 01.08.2024 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this 14th November, 2024.
The borrowers' attention is invited to provisions of sub –section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.
The borrowers and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Hinduja Leyland Finance Limited for an amount as mentioned above with interest, legal and incidental expenditure thereof till the date of payment.
SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY: Item No: 1: All the piece and parcel of the, Site no.10, Khatha no. 3:2 Situated at Avalahalli Grama, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore. Presently within the limits of BBMP and bounded on: East by: Property No.11, West by: 40ft Road, North By: 20ft Road, South: Chikka Hanumaiah's Property. Measuring: East to west 38ft and North to South: 35ft
Dated: 14.11.2024 FOR M/S HINDUJA LEYLAND FINANCE LTD.
Place: Bangalore Authorised Officer

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Sub: Two year Rate Contract towards stock control for standardized 90/10 Cu-Ni Pipes
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Sub: Two year Rate Contract towards stock control for standardized 70/30 Cu-Ni Pipes
Due Date: 29.11.2024 (For Sl. No. 1) and 02.12.2024 (For Sl. No. 2)
1. Details will be available in GRSE e-Procurement portal https://eprocuregrse.co.in/nicgep/app and websites http://www.grse.in/tender/ & https://eprocure.gov.in/cppp/
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RKI, JJM, - Neduvathoor- construction of OHSR, intake well cum pump house, transformer room, gravity main pumping main and allied works. EMD : Rs. 100000, Tender fee : Rs. 8270+1489, Last Date for submitting Tender : 29-11-2024 02:00:pm, Phone : 0474 2745293
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क्रमांक: जिपस / भरत / संस्था / 2024–25 / 120 दिनांक: 14.11.2024
ई–निविदा सूचना संख्या 09/2024–25
कार्यालय जिला परियोजना समन्वयक, समग्र शिक्षा, भरतपुर द्वारा जिलान्तर्गत कस्तुरबा गांधी बालिका छात्रावासों एवं नेताजी सुभाष चन्द बोस बेधर बेसहारा छात्रावासा में मानव सेवाओं के उपापन हेतु ऑनलाईन ई–निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। जिसकी अनुमानित लागत 260.00 लाख एवं ई–निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम दिनांक 06 / 12 / 2024 दोपहर 12:00 बजे तक है। निविदा से सम्बन्धित समस्त विवरण वेबसाईट sppp.rajasthan.gov.in, eproc.rajasthan.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है।
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UNIT HEADQUARTERS QUOTA AGNIVEER RECRUITMENT AT MRC WELLINGTON FROM 13 DEC TO 14 DEC 2024
1. Recruitment rally under Unit Headquarters Quota (UHQ) will be held at The Madras Regimental Centre, Wellington, Nilgiris (Tamil Nadu) wef 13 Dec 2024 onwards for Agniveer General duty, Agniveer Tradesmen 10th (including Musician) and Tradesmen 8th Details are as under.

S. No	Date of Rally	Events	State	Remarks
UHQ Rally (Agniveer Recruitment)				
(a)	13 Dec 2024	Screening for Agniveer General Duty	Tamilnadu /Andaman, Kerala States & Nicobar, Pcy & Lakshadweep only	Relationship certificate required
(b)	14 Dec 2024	Screening for Agniveer General Duty	Andhra Pradesh, Telangana & Karnataka & only	
		Screening for Agniveer Tradesmen & Agniveer Musician	All States/UTs	Relationship certificate required Less Musician in Open entry.

2. Age Criteria (For all Cat) : 17½ to 21 yrs only for the Recruiting Year 2024-25.
3. Education Qualification :
(a) Agniveer General Duty : Class 10th /Matric Pass with 45% marks in aggregate and 33% in each subject.
(b) Agniveer Tradesmen 10th Pass : Class 10th /Matric simple pass. No stipulation in aggregate percentage but should have scored 33% in each subject.
(c) Agniveer Tradesmen 8th Pass : Class 8th simple pass. No stipulation in aggregate (House & Mess Keeper) percentage but should have scored 33% in each subject.
4. Documents Required in Original : Relationship certificates issued by Record Office concerned, Civil education certificates, Caste Certificates, Domicile Certificates, NCC Certificate, Valid Sports Certificates (Validity of sports certificate two years), AADHAR, PAN Card etc.
5. Key Features of Agnipath Scheme and other details : Please Visit joinindianarmy.nic.in for details regarding Agnipath Scheme and other details.
6. Priority for enrolment : 01 to 03 own Regiment and 04 to 05 other Regiment as directed by IHQ of MoD(Army) and only one son / brother can take participated in same UHQ.
7. If a candidate indulges/contacts touts, it will lead to disqualification.

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Demand Notice under Sub Section 2 of Section 13 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Assets Financial and Enforcement of Security Interest Act,2002 (hereinafter referred to as "The Act".)

We, HDFC BANK LTD hereinafter called as "Bank" do here by issue notice as under. Please take notice that you the following had availed a loan details of which have been mentioned hereunder. Towards the said loan you have created security interest in favour of the Bank on the property described hereunder by way of mortgage by depositing title deed. After availing the said loan, contrary to the contractual obligations you have defaulted repayment of the loan amount together with interest and other charges. Hence, your loan account has been categorized as Non Performing Asset.

Therefore, the Bank hereby recall the entire loan and call upon you to pay total amount outstanding in your loan account together with interest and all other charges thereon (details of which have been mentioned hereunder), within 60 (Sixty) days from the date of this Notice. Further, You are hereby put on notice that in terms of Sec.13 (13) of the SARFAESI Act, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured asset detailed hereunder.

If you fail to repay the Bank the outstanding amount, the Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under Sec 13(4) of the SARFAESI Act. This notice is without prejudice to the Bank's right to initiate such other or further legal proceedings, as it deems necessary under any applicable provisions of law.

Sl. No.	Name & Address of Borrower/ Co Borrowers	Description of property (Secured Assets)	A/c No & Amount	Date of NPA	Total Amount /Outstanding Amount
1.	**Borrower** : **Venu N** S/o P Narayanaswamy # 53/6th A Main 7th Block, Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage Bangalore North Tk, Bangalore Dt, Nagarbhavi-560072 **Co-applicant : K Ujwala K** W/o Venu N.,#24/25 6th Cross, Avani, Sringeri Nagar, Near Sai Baba Temple, Nyanappanahalli, Bangalore South Tk., Bangalore Dt., Bannerghatta Road - 560076 **Guarantor: K N Prakash** S/o K N. Narayanappa H No 00, H Kempalinganahalli Village,Nelamangala-tq, Bangalore Rural-dist. , Bangalore Rural-562123	**Property Details:** The two Bedroom Residential Flat/ Apartment bearing Flat no 203 in 'B' Block situated on second floor having a super built up area of 1105 Square feet with vitrified flooring and right to use of all the amenities provided by the builder/Developer along with undivided share (UDS) Of land 478.06 square feet in the composite property (Sy no 62/03and other properties) on which the Apartment constructed and one covered car parking slot no B -203 In Basement floor , be the part of Multistore Residential Apartment Building Named as "MAHENDRA ELENA -5 " Having property NO 694/B 203 and K –Katha PID NO 150200102900720681 **Address of the Property:** Residential Apartment bearing Flat no 203 in 'B' Block situated on second floor , built up area of 1105 Square feet, composite property (Sy no 62/03and other properties) on which the Apartment constructed and one covered car parking slot no B -203 In Basement floor, Named as "MAHENDRA ELENA -5 " Having property NO 694/B 203 and K –Katha PID NO 150200102900720681 **Boundary:** East: Open Space/ C Block, West: Corridor /B206, North: Open Space/ B 202, South: Staircase Open space /B 204 **Extent :**Total Area built up area of 1105 Square feet,. **Owner Name & Address : K Ujwala K** W/o Venu N # 24/25 6th Cross Avani, Sringeri Nagar, Near Sai Baba Temple, Nyanappanahalli, Bangalore South Tk., Bangalore Dt, Bannerghatta Road - 560076. **Property Details:** The two Bedroom Residential Flat/ Apartment bearing Flat no 808 in 'B' Block situated on second floor having a super built up area of 1095 Square feet with vitrified flooring and right to use of all the amenities provided by the builder/Developer along with undivided share (UDS) Of land 473.720 square feet in the composite property (Sy no 62/03and other properties) on which the Apartment constructed and one covered car parking slot no B -808 In Basement floor , be the part of Multistore Residential Apartment Building Named as "MAHENDRA ELENA -5 " Having property NO 747/B 808 and K –Katha PID NO 150200102900720682 **Address of the Property:** Residential Apartment bearing Flat no 808 in 'B' Block situated on second floor , built up area of 1095 Square feet, composite property (Sy no 62/03and other properties) on which the Apartment constructed and one covered car parking slot no B -808 In Basement floor, Named as "MAHENDRA ELENA -5 " Having property NO 747/B 808 and K–Katha PID NO 150200102900720682 **Boundary:** East: Corridor /B802, West: Open Space/ A Block,North: Open Space/ Private Property South: Staircase Open space /B 807 **Extent :** Total Area built up area of 1095 Square feet,. **Owner Name: K Ujwala K** W/o Venu N # 24/25 6th Cross Avani, Sringeri Nagar, Near Sai Baba Temple, Nyanappanahalli, Bangalore South Tk., Bangalore Dt, Bannerghatta Road - 560076.	**A/c no: 50200048177124 KGC Rs.19,00,000/-** **A/c no: 50200048183012 KGC Rs.1,50,000/-** **A/c no: 84281119 KGC Rs.74,50,000/-**	01.07.2024	Rs.51,11,935.00 as on 02.09.2024

Place : Bangalore
Date: 07.11.2024

Regd.Office : HDFC Bank Limited, HDFC Bank House, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel (West), Mumbai - 400013.

Sd/- Authorised Officer, HDFC BANK Ltd.,

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank Branch Office : ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Sathish B R/ The Civil Form/ LBBNG00003707679	Larger Property All The Piece and Parcel of Land Bearing Municipal No. 1/1. (Old No.1) Hosakere Road, New Ward No. 121 (Old No. 31), Binnypet, Bangalore 560 023 In All Measuring About 52.8337 Acres and Which Is Shown In Red Outline In The Plan Enclosed as Annexure 5 Hereto Bounded as Under. East: Hosakere Road (Tank Bund Road Towards Sirsi Circle To Mysore Road); West: Goripalya. Ranganatha Colony and New Binny Layout: North :new Binny Layout Road, Private Property And Portion of Municipal No. 1/1 Retained By Eta Karnataka Estates Private Limited; South: Goripalya; Schedule 'a' 46.39 Acres Of Land Carved From and out of The Larger Property on Which Residential Development Known as Park West Is Being Developed and Which Is Shown In Hatched Green In The Plan Annexure 5 Hereto and Bounded as Under: East: Hosakere Road (Tank Bund Road Towards Sirsi Circle To Mysore Road) and Portion of Municipal No. 1/1 Retained By Eta Karnataka Estates Private Limited; West: Goripalya, Ranganatha Colony and New Binny Layout, North: New Binny Layout Road, Private Property and Portion of Municipal No. 1/1 Retained By Eta Karnataka Estates Private Limited; South: Goripalya/ Royapuram; Schedule 'B' 94,304.27 Square Meters of Undivided Share Land area out of The Schedule "A" Property, Based on Which The Developer Has Achieved The Far For The Construction of Project. Schedule 'C' 30.60% (I.E. 653.22 Square Feet) Undivided Share Corresponding To The Schedule "C" Private Residence Taking Into Consideration The Far Achieved For The Project From and out of The Schedule "B" Property. The Private Residence Unit Bearing No. T2-2-03 Known as E203 on The 2nd Floor of Project (Shown as Emerald Tower In The Building Sanction Plan) Having A Carpet Area Of 1520.435 Square Feet, Utility area of 75.70 Square Feet, Balcony area of 180.90 Square Feet (I.E. Super Built Up area of 2393 Square Feet Which Is Inclusive of The Share In The Common area of Project) Along With 02 Single Car Parking Slot No. 379 and 380 In The Basement With Proportionate Share In The Common area of The Project (IE. 222.31 Square Meters of Super Built Up area I.E., 2393 Square Foot of Super Built Up Area) With The Non-Exclusive Right To Use and The Common areas and Common Amenities and Facilities of The Project./ Date of Symbolic Possession on/ 13/11/2024.	26.06.2024 Rs. 90,74,186.00/-	Bangalore
2.	Harish P/ Parvathamma P/ LBBNG00002261039	Schedule-A-Propertyitem No. Iall The Piece and Parcel of Converted Land Measuring 2 Acres 33 Guntas In Survey No.36/2, Measuring 7 Guntas In Sy.No. 36/3, Measuring 3 Acres 13 Guntas In Sy.No. 44/2, Measuring 7 Guntas In Sy. No. 44/3, Measuring 3 Acres 10 Guntas In Sy. No. 45/2 Measuring 7 Guntas In Sy. No. 45/3, Measuring 3 Acres 8 Guntas In Sy No. 56/2, Measuring 7 Guntas In Sy. No.56/3, Measuring 1 Acre 20 Guntas In Sy. No. 57/2, Measuring 1 Acre 26 Guntas In Sy. No. 57/3, Measuring 7 Guntas In Sy. No. 57/4, Measuring 3 Acres 9 Guntas In Sy. No. 68/2, Measuring 7 Guntas In Sy. No. 68/3, Measuring 3 Acres 11 Guntas In Sy. No.76/2, Measuring 7 Guntas In Sy. No.76/3, Measuring 7 Guntas 7 Guntas In Sy. No. 87/3, Measuring 7 Guntas In Sy. No. 88/3 and 6 Guntas In Sy. No. 104/3, Thus In All Measuring 23 Acres 39 Guntas, All The Survey Numbers Are Situated at Shetarahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Raural District and Bounded on The: East By: Sy. Nos. 35,36,54,55,69 and 75; West By: Sy. Nos. 37,43,59,58,66,67 and 77; North By: Road, and South By: Sy. No. 88/2 and 87/2 Item No. 2All The Piece and Parcel of Converted Land Measuring 1 Acres 13 Guntas In Survey No. 87/2, Measuring 3 Acres 13 Guntas In Sy. No. 88/2 Thus In all Measuring 6 Acres 26 Guntas, All Thje Survey Numbers Are Situated at Shelarahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and Bounded on The: East By: Land In Sy. Nos. 89 and 90; West By: Land In Sy. Nos.88/3 and 86; North By: Land In Sy. Nos. 76/3 And 76/2; And South By : Land In Sy. No. 104/2 Schedule- B- Property (Composite Property) All The Piece And Parcel of Converted Land Measuring 2 Acres 33 Guntas In Survey No. 36/2, Measuring 7 Guntas In Sy No. 36/3, Measuring 3 Acres 13 Guntas In Sy No 44/2, Measuring 7 Guntas In Sy. No. 44/3, Measuring 3 Acres 10 Guntas In Sy No. 45/2 Measuring 7 Guntas In Sy. No 45/3, Measuring 3 Acres 8 Guntas In Sy No. 56/2, Measuring 7 Guntas In Sy No. 56/3, Measuring 1 Acre 20 Guntas In Sy No. 57/2, Measuring 1 Acre 26 Guntas In Sy No. 57/3, Measuring 7 Guntas In Sy. No 57/4, Measuring 3 Acres 9 Guntas In Sy. No. 68/2, Measuring 7 Guntas In Sy No. 68/3, Measuring 3 Acres 11 Guntas In Sy No. 76/2, Measuring 7 Guntas In Sy. No. 76/3, Measuring 7 Guntas 7 Guntas In Sy No. 87/3, Measuring 7 Guntas In Sy No. 88/3 and 6 Guntas In Sy. No. 104/3, Measuring 3 Acres 13 Guntas, In Survey No. 87/2, Measuring 3 Acres 13 Guntas In Sy. No. 88/2 Thus In All Measuring 30 Acres 25 Guntas and Bounded on: East By: Land Belonging To Mr. Veeramuniyappa, West By: Land Belongs To The Family of Mr. Naresh, North By: Doddaballapura- Devanahalli Road, and South By: Land Belongs To The Family of Mr. Naresh Schedule-C-Property All That Piece and Parcel of Property Bearing Plot No. 100, Bearing Vishwanathapura Gram Panchayat Katha No. 150300201600520123/ 123/100, Formed In Sy. No. 68/2 of The Layout Known as North Town Residential Layout" Situated at Shettarahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and Measuring as Follows:- In All Measuring 139.29 5Q.mtrs Le. 1500 Square Feet Bounded By: East By: Plot Nos. 97 and 98 West By: 12 Mtrs Wide Road North By: Plot No. 101 South By: Plot No. 99/ Date of Symbolic Possession on/ 13/11/2024.	11.06.2021/ Rs. 20,59,158.00/-	Bangalore
3.	S. Praveen/ LBBNG00000362552	(As Described In The Loan Document/ Property Document Covering All That Piece and Parcel Of The Property Bearing Apartment House No. 81/64, 41/153, Category Hig -B5-FF, Lig- B- SF, Distributed By KHB, Situated at 3rd Stage Kengeri City, Bangalore-West. Bangalore- 560060/ Date of Symbolic Possession on/13/11/2024.	25.06.2021 Rs. 5,17,282.38/-	Bangalore
4.	Nambalvar/ Madhu D/ LBBNG00005765503 LBBNG00005782668	(As Described In The Loan Document/ Property Document Covering All That Piece and Parcel of The Property Bearing Western Portion of Municipal No. 16, Site No. 91, Khatha No. 2744/2984, Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike 38 Existing Property No. 127 Th Ward Bangalore Measuring East To West 24 Ft and North To South 30 Ft In all Measuring 720 Sq Ft., Along With 5 Squares of Ground Floor RCC Roofed House. Situated at 4th Main Road, West Side Property No. 16, Present Property Municipal No.16/1 Property Identification No. (Pid No. 38-65-16/1) Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bhyaraveshwara Nagar, Nagarabhavi Road, Bangalore City, Presently Comes Under The Limits of Bbmp and Bounded on The;- North: 30 Ft Road South: Property No. 90 East: Remaining Eastern Portion of Same Site West: Property No. 92/ Date of Symbolic Possession on/14/11/2024.	15.06.2024 Rs. 25,84,689.00/-	Bangalore
5.	L K Prameela/ Rajesh Tadi P/ LBBNG00002263376	Schedule "A" of Property All That Piece and Parcel of The Immovable Property Comprising Converted Land (Converted From Agricultural Use To Non-Agricultural Residential Purpose Vide Order No. ALN- (Ash)- Sr-188/2010-11 Dated 28-03-2011 Passed By The SPL. Deputy Commissioner (Rev.), Bangalore District) Bearing Sy. No. 60 of Kudlu Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Measuring 39 Guntas; Presently Bearing Property/ Khatha No. 47/60 of Kudlu Village, Begur Ward, Bommanahalli Sub- Division of The Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike; and Bounded on: East By: Small Tank area West By: Earlier Land In Survey No. 56 & Present Approval Road and Land In Sy No. 56 North By: Raghurama'S Reddy Land South By: Thigalara Venakatappa'S Land Schedule "B" Property (Description of The Undivided Interest of Land Conveyed Herein) 376 Sq.ft. of Undivided Share, Rights, Title and Interest In The Schedule 'A' Property, Which Is The Corresponding Undivided Share of Land In Respect of Schedule-C Flat/ Apartment Unit. Schedule "C" Property (Description of The Flat/ Apartment Unit Conveyed Herein) Apartment Unit Bearing Flat No. G04, Situated In Ground Floor In 'B' Block, In The Multi-storied Residential Apartment Building Known as "Aban Essence", Measuring A Super Built-up area of 1253 Sq.ft., (Which Is Also Inclusive of Balconies and A Proportionate Share In The Common Areas) With one Covered Car Parking Space In The Stilt/ Basement Floor./ Date of Symbolic Possession on/14/11/2024.	31.07.2024 Rs. 42,57,204.00/-	Bangalore
6.	Noorin Taj/ Abdul Azeez A/ TBMYS00006665076 TBMYS00006665077	Schedule of The Property All That Piece and Parcel of The Residential House Constructed on The Site Bearing No. 348 Lig-2, Situated at 1 St Stage Devanur Extension Hudco Muda Rajiv Nagar N. R. Mohalla Mysore, Site Measuring East To West 7.10 Meter and North To South (2.00+9.00)/2 Meter In Total 39.05 Square Meters and More Fully Described In The Schedule Below. East By: Property Bearing No. Lig-2 347. West By: Property Bearing No. Lig-2 349. North By: Property Bearing No. Lig-2 349. South By: 9.00 Meter Road. Plinth area: The Property Consist of 250 Square Feet of Ground Floor With RCC Roofing and Vitrified Flooring Having Electricity, Water and Sanitary Connections./ Date of Symbolic Possession on/14/11/2024.	15.06.2024 Rs. 23,38,514.00/-	Bangalore
7.	Sarswati Chandra/ LBBNG00006703181/ TBBNG00006681358	Schedule "A" Property All That Piece and Parcel of The Converted Property Bearing Survey No. 23/1, Measuring 20 Guntas (21780 Sq.feet) Situated Al Bommasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, and Bounded on The. East By: "B" Scheduledar Hisaay West By: Chamundi Granite and Temple Property Nonh By: Chibyphora Factory and South By: Road Schedule 'B' Property 426 Square Feet of Unidivded Share In The Over Schedule 'A' Property Measuring 20 Guntas (21780 Square Feet) Schedule 'C' Property All That Piece and Parcel of Residential Two Bedroom Apartment Bearing No. 301, Apartment Bearing No. 301, Khata No. 765/301, Khata Asacsament No. 1104/756 on The Third Floor of The Building Known as "Stanford Homes", Measuring 1010 Sq Feet of Super Built, (Which Is Inclusive of The Floor, Ceiling and Walls Between The Apartments and Proportionate Share In Common areas and A Share In The Club House Area) Together With One Covered Car Parking Space In The Basement./Date of Symbolic Possession on/14/11/2024.	26.06.2024 Rs. 56,25,332.00/-	Bangalore
8.	Ankur Srivastava/ Reena Srivastava/ LBBNG00002049956	Schedule-A All That Piece and Parcel of The Immovable Property Being Vacant Land Measuring an Extent of 95guntas Comprised S. No. 11/2, and 130/5, Converted Non Agricultural Residential Purposes Vide Endorsements Nos. Aln (A) (A) Sr 25/2011-12, Aln (A) (A) Sr 6/2011-12 and Aln (A) (A) Sr 89/2010-11 Kammasandra Village, Attibelehobli, Anekaltaluk, and Bounded on The: East : Road West: Property Owned By Anuagarwal/ Anantha Nagar Layout North: Daadys Elixir Apartments and Vmaks Roselle Apartments South: Sy. No. 11/3 (1st Phase of Prakruthi Solitaire) Schedule-B 555 Sq.ft. Undivided Share, Title and Interest In Schedule 'a' Property. Schedule-C (Apartment Hereby Agreed To Be Constructed By The Developer and Delivered To The Purchasers Herein) an Apartment Measuring A Super Built-up Area of 1250 Sq.ft., Bearing Apartment No: H-602 Located In The 6th Floor of H Block of The Apartment Called Prakruthi Solitaire To Be Developed on The Schedule-A Mentioned Property, Together With 1 Car Parking Space In The Basement/ Ground Floor and Right To Use All Common Amenities and Facilities./ Date of Symbolic Possession on/14/11/2024.	30.07.2024 Rs. 31,17,972.00/-	Bangalore
9.	Abhilash Daga/ Nikita Poddar/ LBBNG00005269187	Schedule "A" Property All That Property Available Within The Four Boundaries Detailed Below and Measuring 03 Acres 20 Guntas In Presently Bearing Sy. No. 30/1A1A3, Old Sy. No. 30/1A1A, (Earlier Sy. No. 30/p5, Previously Identified As Sy. No. 30), Situated In Chikkanagamangala Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk Duly Converted For Nonagricultural Hitech Industrial Use Vide Official Memorandum Bearing No. Aln. (As) Sr211/2009-2010, Dated 23/10/2009 Issued By The Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore Later Converted To Non- Agricultural Residential Use Vide Official Memorandum Bearing BDA/NOC/CLU/14/09- 10/1289/2010-11 Issued By The Commissioner, Bangalore Development Authority and Bounded By:- East: Property In Sy. No. 29 and Panchayath Road; West: Property In Sy. No. 30/1A1A]; North: Property In Sy. No. 29; and South: Property In Sy. No. 30/1A1A2 Schedule "B" Property 323.99 Sq.ft. of Undivided Share, Right, Title, Interest and Ownership In The Land In Schedule "A" Property. Schedule "C" Property All That Residential Apartment Bearing No. 1D08, First Floor, "D" Block of "Shanders Dwellington Built In Schedule "A" Property E- Kata Sl: No. 150200100500621939, and Apartment Measuring 81.29 Sq. Mirs Equivalent To 875 Sq.ft of Super Built-Up area Inclusive of Proportionate Share In Common Areas Such as Passages, Lobbies, Lifts, Staircases and other areas of Common Use Approximately With The Right To Use one open Car Parking Space No. 1D08 In Ground Floor and The Apartment Is Bounded By: East: Cut-out & Thereafter Flat No. E03 on The Same Floor, West: Entrance Lobby, North: Cut-out & Thereafter Flat No. D07 On The Same Floor, South: Cut- out & Thereafter Flat No. D09 on The Same Floor. Schedule "D" Rights of The Purchaser The Purchaser Shall Have The Following Rights In Respect of The Schedule'/ Date of Symbolic Possession on/14/11/2024.	30.07.2024 Rs. 28,01,602.00/-	Bangalore
10.	Srikanth/ Chandramma/ LBMYS00006082140/ LBMYS00006099164	Description of The Property: All That Parcel of The Property Bearing House No. 72/172, 72/172A, 72/172B, 72/172C and 72/172d, Situated at J.P. Nagara, Nachanahalli Palya, Khille Mohalla, Mysore, Measuring East To West, 80 Feet, South- North- 85 Feet, and The Property Is Bounded on The: East By: Private Property West By: Remaining Property on The Same Number North By: Muda House (Mysore Urban Development Authority) South By: 25 Feet Road The Schedule Property Measuring East To West 45.00 Feet, South To North 80.00 Feet Fully Constructed House Built area Measuring 650 Sq. Feet. RCC Roofed, Red Oxide Flooring And 200 Sq. Feet Ground Floor House With Mangalore Roofed Tiles, And 850 Sq. Feet First Floor House With Acc Sheet Having With All Basic Amenities Like Electricity, Water and Sanitary Supply Belongs To This Sale Deed./Date of Symbolic Possession on/14/11/2024.	04.08.2023 Rs. 71,49,605.00/-	Mysore

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/guarantors(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date: November 19, 2024
Place: Bangalore & Mysore

Sincerely Authorised Signatory
For ICICI Bank Ltd.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that our client is desirous of transacting in the lands more particularly described in the Schedule hereunder and hereinafter to as the "**Schedule Property**".

Any person having any subsisting claim, right, title or interest, in respect of the Schedule Property or any part thereof, in any manner including by way of sale, transfer, assignment, exchange, charge, tenancy, sub-tenancy, lease, sub-lease, license, mortgage, inheritance, share, gift, devise, lien, maintenance, easement, encumbrance, trust, covenant, possession, beneficial interest or pre-emption or under any agreement or other disposition or under any suit or award passed by any Court or Authority, arbitrator, *lis-pendens*, power of attorney, bequest, FSI, development rights, partnership, family arrangement or settlement or otherwise encumbrance of any nature howsoever ("**Claim**"), are hereby requested to respond with documentary proof to the undersigned within 15 (fifteen) days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, it shall be presumed that no such Claim exists and if it existed, the claimant has relinquished such Claim and/or waived their right to exercise such Claim.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of agricultural lands totally admeasuring approximately 12.52 acres comprised in survey numbers set out below, as detailed below, situated at Chokkahalli Village, Nandi Hobli, Chikkaballapur District and Taluk

SURVEY NO.	EXTENT (IN ACRES)	OWNER/S
33	3.18	Mr P Amarnarayanaswamy and Mr H Ramanjina
32/2	0.11	Mr Basani Matyas Reddy
32/3	0.04	Mr Basani Matyas Reddy
32/4	0.08	Mr Basani Matyas Reddy
32/5	0.08	Mr Mahesh Kumar and Mr. K N Uday Kumar
32/6	0.02	Mr K N Uday Kumar and Mr Mahesh Kumar
32/7	0.10	Mr L Manjunath
32/8	0.55	Mr Suresh Babu
32/9	0.006	Mr A N Ramakrishna
32/10	0.41	Mr K N Gopalaiah
32/11	0.15	Mr K N Gopalaiah
32/12	0.56	Mr N Srinivas
32/13	0.08	Mr N Venkatesh
32/14	0.48	Mr N Venkatesh
32/15	0.06	Mr N Lakshminarayanappa
32/16	0.5	Mr N Lakshminarayanappa
32/17	0.05	Mr Lokesh
32/18	0.08	Mr P N Gajendra
31	2.18	Mr Basani Matyas Reddy
70/2	0.75	Mr K M Renuka Prasad
29/1	1.00	Mr R Krishnappa
29/3	1.00	Mr R Munibyrappa
9/1 (P)	0.15	Ms Venkatamma
9/2	0.90	Mr M Srinivas and Mr Gangaraju

Dated this 19th day of November 2024.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby informed that our Clients intends to enter into a transaction in respect of the immovable property more particularly described in the Schedule hereunder and referred to herein as the "Schedule Property" with its present owner **Sri. R.M.RAVIKUMAR S/o R. Mallikarjunappa** (Aadhar No.7928 6291 7848 & PAN No.ACYPR4471Q) residing at No.54, Kogilu Main Road, Maruthi Nagar, Yelahanka, Bengaluru-560064 (hereinafter referred to as the "Owner"), who has represented to our Clients that it is the sole and absolute owner of the Schedule Property having unrestricted rights of alienation over the same. The Owner has further represented to our Client that the Schedule Property is free from all encumbrances, charges, lien, litigations and/or any third party rights/claims of any nature whatsoever.

Notice is hereby given to the general public that if any person/s, entity, company, firm, institution (corporate or otherwise) has or claims any right, title, interest, pending litigation, tenancy, mortgage, charge, lien or demand or any other interest of whatsoever nature in or upon the Schedule Property or any part thereof, the same may be brought to the notice of the undersigned in writing together with all details and documents in support of such claim within 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of this Notice, failing which, it shall be deemed that the aforesaid Owner has a clear and marketable title to the Schedule Property and that none else has any right, title, interest or claim whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Property; and our Client would be at liberty to proceed to enter into and complete the intended transaction in respect of the Schedule Property. Any objections and/or claims received after the expiry of the period mentioned above shall neither be entertained nor be binding on our Client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY:

All that piece and parcel of the Property **Municipal No.36,** PID No.19-3-36 Situated at 3rd Stage, 3rd Block, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore-79 (earlier BDA Site No.36, Block-3, West of Chord Road III Stage, Bangalore) now comes under the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore together with commercial building constructed thereon, consisting of Ground and two upper floors with all civic amenities Measuring **East to west 40 Feet and North to South 59.0+60.0/2** Feet total 2380 Sq Ft. bounded on **East by:** Property No.35, **West by:** Property No.37, **North by:** Property No.51 and **South by:** Road.

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No:PCB/293/SEO/MINES/EPH/2024-25/3394 Dated:15.11 .2024

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

M/s. Jimmy Sales and Research has proposed to undertake extraction of Quartzite Mineral of production capacity 12,00,000 TPA on a total land Area of 129.28 Acres at **Sy. No. 332/1 (Part), Hulikatti Village, Savadatti Taluk, Belagavi District.** This project proposal falls under Category B1, Activity 1(a) – 'Mining of Minerals,' as per the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 2006."

As per the Environment Impact Assessment Notification dated: 14.09.2006 and Amendment dated:01.12.2009, the project proponent has to obtain prior Environmental Clearance from the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Government of Karnataka and is required to go through the process of Environmental Public Hearing. As per the Terms of Reference letter (ToR) SEIAA 48 MIN 2024 dated:02.09.2024 issued by the SEIAA, Karnataka and request letter of the project proponent dated:12.09.2024 and the Environmental Officer, Regional Office, Belagavi-1 letter dated:04.11.2024 intimating the date, the Environmental Public Hearing is being conducted by the KSPCB.

The details of the project are as follows:

1.	**Name & Address of the proposed Project : M/s. Jimmy Sales and Research 332/1, Hulikatti Village, Savadatti Taluk, Belagavi District – 591 126.**
2.	**Location of the proposed Project:** Sy. No. 332/1 (Part), Hulikatti Village, Savadatti Taluk, Belagavi District.
3.	**Details of proposed project:** Proposed to undertake extraction of Quartzite Mineral of production capacity 12,00,000 TPA on a total land Area of 129.28 Acres.
4.	**Date, time and venue of Environmental Public Consultation: Date: 20.12.2024 (Friday) Time: 12:00 Noon Place: Project Site, M/s. Jimmy Sales and Research, Sy. No. 332/1, Hulikatti Village, Savadatti Taluk, Belagavi District.**
5.	**Places of project documents kept for public perusal**: (a) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Belagavi District, Belagavi. (b) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Belagavi District, Belagavi. (c) District Industries Centre, Belagavi District, Belagavi (d) Thasildar Office, Savadatti Taluk, Belagavi District. (e) Gram Panchayath Office, Hulikatti Village, Belagavi Taluk. (f) Office of the Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Belagavi-1. (g) SEIAA Karnataka (Ecology and Environment), Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment, Government of Karnataka, Room No. 709, 7th Floor, 4th Gate, MS Building, Bengaluru – 560 001. (h) **HELP DESK,** Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Ground Floor, No. 49, Parisara Bhavana, Church Street, Bengaluru - 560 001.

NOTE: Suggestions, views, comments and objections of interested bonafide residents, environmental groups and others located at project site who are likely to be affected by the proposed project are invited, within 30 days from the date of publication of this Notification. They can also make oral/written/ E-Mail suggestions to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board/Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee (Deputy Commissioner, Belagavi District, Belagavi). Interested public can participate in the Public Hearing at the above place. For details please visit our Website:**kspcb.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-
Member Secretary

Our Motto is to minimize waste generation through judicious use of natural resources

IN THE COURT OF CCH-12 XVI ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE
In
P & SC No. 594/2024

BETWEEN : Mrs. BY Supriya W/o. Late Mr Vinay N Dhumal, Aged about 37 years, Occupation Employee
...Petitioner No. 1

Master. Dhanush .V. Dhumal (Minor) S/o. Late. Mr. Vinay .N. Dhumal, Aged about 16 years, Occupation - Student **...Petitioner No. 2**

Master. Laksh V Dhumal (Minor) S/o. Late. Mr. Vinay N Dhumal, Aged About 11 yrs, Occupation -Student
...Petitioner No. 3

Mrs. Arundhali N M/o. late. Mr. Vinay N Dhumal W/o. Late. Mr. Naghabhushan Dhumal, Aged about 68 years, Occupation - homemaker
...Petitioner No. 4

All of the above are residing at #112, 1st Floor, 1st C Cross, 5th Block, 3rd Phase, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bangalore-560085.

Mr. Vishal. N. Dhumal, B/o. Late. Vinay .N. Dhumal S/o. late Mr. Naghabhushan Dhumal, Aged about 38 years, Occupation - Residing at Live Together Society, No. 32/4, Muddinpalya Main Road, Opposite to Government Primary School Bangalore - 560091.
...Petitioner No. 5

AND: Nil ...Respondent

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the petitioners above named have filed a petition under Section 277 and 278 of the Indian Succession Act, 1925 for issuance of succession certificate in favor of petitioners in respect of the Schedule Was held by deceased Mr. Vinay N Dhumal who died on 27/07/2024 the petitioner No. 1 is wife, petitioner No 2 And 3 are sons, petition No. 4 is mother and petitioner No. 5 is brother of Late Vinay N Dhumal. Interested parties are hereby Called upon to appear in the court in person or by a pleader duly instructed **on 4.12.2024 at 11.00 a.m.** cause against the petition, failing wherein, the matter will be heard and determined ex-parte.

SCHEDULE

a) Deceased had joined as Manager with Deltek Replicon Software (India) Private Limited. Bangalore had with Employee ID: 1500014 from 17.01.2011 with last working day on till 27.07.2024 and has the following Retinal Benefits' Policy Number GT000383 having benefits of (Rupees 46,00,000) (Rupees Forty Six Lacs Only) current balance is not known to the petitioners for the survivors.

b) The petitioner further submits that the deceased had GPA Policy Numbered GPA policy number 870000422301000000310 as of worth (Rs.32,00,000) (Rupees Thirty Two lacs only) under the same employment Employee ID : 1500014 from 17.01.2011 with last working day on till 27.07.2024 and the current value of the same is not known to the petitioners working day on till 27.07.2024 and the current value of the same is not known to the petitioners.

c) The petitioners further submits that Gratuity (50%) (Rupees 3,59,174) (Rupees Three lakhs Fifty Nine Thousand One hundred and Seventy Four Only) till 27.07.2024 current balance is not known to the petitioner.

d) That, Provident Funds (Employer and Employee) and Pension Accumulations with the deceased Employee ID under the same employment Employee ID : 1500014 from 17.01.2011 with last working day on till 27.07.2024 of ₹16,43,784 (Rupees Sixteen Lakhs Forty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Four only) and current balance is not known to the petitioner.

Given under my hand and seal on this the 15.11.2024.

By order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru.

Advocate for the petitioner
Jayashree Patil, Suma B K, Advocates
No. 360, 10th B Main Road, Jayanagar
3rd Block, Opposite to Cosmopolitan Club,
Bangalore 560041.

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Public Notice For E-Auction For Sale of Immovable Properties

Sale of Immovable property mortgaged to IIFL Home Finance Limited (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) (IIFL-HFL) Corporate Office at Plot No. 98, Udyog Vihar, Phase-IV, Gurgaon-122015 (Haryana) and **Branch Office at Soma Merit, No.9,Ground Floor,Venkataswamy Naidu Street,Taskar Town,Shivajinagar,Bangalore-560001** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002(hereinafter "Act"). Whereas the Auhorized Officer ("AO") of IIFL-HFL had taken the possession of the following property/ies pursuant to the notice issued U/S 13(2) of the Act in the following loan accounts/prospect nos. with a right to sell the same on "AS IS WHERE IS, AS IS WHAT IS BASIS and WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS" for realization of IIFL-HFL's dues, The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the website: www.iiflonehome.com

Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of the Immovable property/ Secured Asset	Date of Physical Possession	Reserve Price
1. Mrs. Jayalakshmi 2. Mr. M Raju (Prospect No 950111)	**10-Feb-2024** **Rs.10,41,464/-** (Rupees Ten Lakh Forty One Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty Four Only) **Bid Increase Amount Rs. 40,000/-** (Rupees Forty Thousand Only)	All that part and parcel of the property bearing Muncipal No 344 , Sy No 65/4, Site No 103 , 5th Main 5th Cross, Ranganathpura , Situated At Kamakshipalya , Sane Guruvanahalli ,Yeshwanthapura Hobli , Near Malemahadeshwara Temple, Bangalore-560079 Karnataka,India Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land_Area ,Carpet_Area, Built_Up_Area Property Area: 600.00 , 600.00 , 240.00 **(Area admeasuring 450 sq. ft.)**	**05-Nov-2024** **Total Outstanding As On Date 12-Nov-2024 Rs. 12,50,310 /-** (Rupees Twelve Lakh Fifty Thousand Three Hundred and Ten Only)	**Rs. 38,07,000 /-** (Rupees Thirty Eight Lakh Seven Thousand Only) **Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs. 3,80,700/-** (Rupees Three Lakh Eighty Thousand Seven Hundred Only)

Date of Inspection of property	EMD Last Date	Date/ Time of E-Auction
20-Dec-2024 1100 hrs -1400 hrs.	23-Dec-2024 till 5 pm.	26-Dec-2024 1100 hrs-1300 hrs.

Mode of Payment :- EMD payments are to be made vide online mode only. To make payments you have tovisit https://www.iiflonehome.com and pay through link available for the property/ Secured Asset only. Note: Payment link for each property/ Secured Asset is different. Ensure you are using link of the property/ Secured Asset you intend to buy vide public auction.
For Balance Payment - Login https://www.iiflonehome.com >My Bid >Pay Balance Amount.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:-

1. For participating in e-auction, Intending bidders required to register their details with the Service Provider **https://www. iiflonehome.com** well in advance and has to create the login account, login ID and password. Intending bidders have to submit / send their "Tender FORM" along with the payment details towards EMD, copy of the KYC and PAN card at the above mentioned Branch Office.
2. The bidders shall improve their offer in multiple of amount mentioned under the column "Bid Increase Amount". In case bid is placed in the last 5 minutes of the closing time of the auction, the closing time will automatically get extended for 5 minutes.
3. The successful bidder should deposit 25% of the bid amount (after adjusting EMD) within 24 hours of the acceptance of bid price by the AO and the balance 75% of the bid amount within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. All deposit and payment shall be in the prescribed mode of payment.
4. The purchaser has to bear the cess, applicable stamp duty, fees, and any other statutory dues or other dues like municipal tax, electricity charges, land and all other incidental costs, charges including all taxes and rates outgoings relating to the property.
5. The purchaser has to pay TDS application to the transaction/payment of sale amount and submit the TDS certificate with IIFL HFL.
6. **Bidders are advised to go through the website https: //www.iiflonehome.com and https://www.iifl.com/home-loans/properties-for-auction for detailed terms and conditions of auction sale & auction application form before submitting their Bids for taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings.**
7. **For details, help procedure and online training on e-auction prospective bidders may contact the service provider E mail ID:- care@iiflonehome.com, Support Helpline Numbers:@1800 2672 499.**
8. **For any query related to Property details, Inspection of Property and Online bid etc. call IIFL HFL toll free no. 1800 2672 499 from 09:30 hrs to 18:00 hrs between Monday to Friday or write to email:- care@iiflonehome.com**
9. Notice is hereby given to above said borrowers to collect the household articles, which were lying in the secured asset at the time of taking physical possession within 7 days, otherwise IIFL-HFL shall not be responsible for any loss of property under the circumstances.
10. Further the notice is hereby given to the Borrower/s, that in case they fail to collect the above said articles same shall be sold in accordance with Law.
11. In case of default in payment at any stage by the successful bidder / auction purchaser within the above stipulated time, the sale will be cancelled and the amount already paid will be forfeited (including EMD) and the property will be again put to sale.
12. AO reserves the rights to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and condition of tender/auction without assigning any reason thereof. In case of any dispute in tender/Auction, the decision of AO of IIFL-HFL will be final.

STATUTARY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8 (6) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

The Borrower are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with upto dated interest and ancillary expenses before the date of Tender/Auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

Place:-Bangalore , Date: 19-Nov-2024 | **Sd/- Authorised Officer, IIFL Home Finance Limited.**

Can Fin Homes Ltd

K R Puram Branch

No. 414, Pooja Complex,Old Madras Road, K R Puram, Bangalore – 560036, Tel No. 080-25619333/ 7625079185, Email Id: krpuram@canfinhomes.com CIN No : L85110KA1987PLC008699

APPENDIX- IV-A

[See proviso to rule 8(6)]

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., K R Puram Branch, will be sold by holding e-auction on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **24-12-2024**, for recovery of **Rs. 36,30,000/-** (Rupees Thirty Six Lakhs Thirty Thousand Only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. from **Mr. Uma Sankar Guda and Mrs. Lakshmi Guda (Borrowers)** , as on 18-11-2024 , together with further interest and other charges thereon.

The reserve price will be **Rs.29,50,000/-** (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only) and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.2,95,000/-** (Rupees Two Lakhs Ninty Five Thousand Only)

Description of the Immovable Property

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Flat No. G-3, Ground Floor, "SILVER SHADES", Situated at Site No. 275, Khata No-177/179/275, BTM Layout 6th Stage, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, having Super built up area of 945 Sq. feet, along with Undivided share of 202 Sq. feet. **and bounded on the :-** East by**: Private property,** West by**: Road,** North by**: G-04,** South by**:Road.**

Encumbrances : Nil

The detailed terms and conditions of the sale are provided in the official website of Can Fin Homes Ltd., (https://www.canfinhomes.com/SearchAuction.aspx). Link for participating in e-auction : https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net

Sd/-

Place: K. R.Puram
Date: 18.11.2024

Authorised Officer
Can Fin Homes Ltd.,

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Public are hereby informed that our client **Sri A.C Rajanna S/o Late Channegowda**, residing at Arjunahalli, Amruthur Hobli, Kunigal Taluk, Tumkur Dist. has entered into an Agreement of Sale dt. 15.11.2024 to purchase the schedule property i.e., Site No.6, V.P. Khata No.189, having RDPR Property No. 150200301900400193, formed in converted land bearing Sy.No.80/2, measuring East to West (106+117.6)/2 and North to South 50 feet, totally measuring 5590 sq. ft., situated at Ramasandra Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk from **(1) Smt. Jyothi Shekar** W/o Late Sri Rajashekar B.L, **(2) Sri Akshay Rajshekar** S/o Late Sri Rajashekar B.L, **(3) Ms. Sahana Rajashekar** D/o Late Sri Rajashekar B.L, rep. by her mother and GPA holder Smt. Jyothi Shekar [All are Legal heirs of Late Sri Rajashekar B.L], all residing at No. 50/3, Susheela Road, Near Maramma Temple, Chikkamavalli, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru-04 **& (4) Sri Rakesh .V** S/o Late Sri Venkataraju, residing at No.18, Manjunatha Nilaya, Flat No.102, 7th Cross, Ganesh Nagar, Virupakshapura, Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru-97. The above said Late Sri Rajashekar B.L and Sri Rakesh.V have jointly acquired the schedule property under a registered sale deed dt. 10.12.2012 from Smt. M. Shobha D/o Sri M. Govinda Raju, registered as Doc. No.JAY-1-04714-2012-13, stored in CD No. JAYD160 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Jayanagar, Bengaluru.

Any person objecting the proposed purchase or having any right, title, interest, claim or demand whatsoever in nature in respect of the schedule property may lodge their objections or claims in writing along with supporting documentary evidence/proof thereof to the undersigned advocate within 15 days from the date of this publication. Objections or claims received thereafter shall not be binding on our client and our client shall be proceeding to complete transaction of purchase as bonafide purchaser of the schedule property, as if there are no claims/objections.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of Site No.6, V.P.Khata No.189, having Rural Development & Panchayati Raj Department Property No.150200301900400193, formed in residentially converted land bearing Sy.No.80/2 (Land Conversion Order No. BDS.ALN.(S)SR(KT) 28/2004-05, dated 15-06-2004, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District), measuring East to West (106+117.6)/2 and North to South 50 feet, totally measuring 5590 square feet situated at Ramasandra Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, bounded on the :- East by: BDA Road, West by: Other Property, North by: Site No. 5 and South by Site No. 7.

Seetharamaiah S.M, Advocate
RAAM & Co., Advocates & Legal Consultants
No.91, Railway Parallel Road, Kumara Park West, Bangalore-560 020. Mobile No. 9980561710

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients, **Mr.Lokesh S/o Late.Amavasaiah** and Mrs.Shruthi Lokesh W/o Mr. Lokesh, have intended to purchase of the Eastern Portion of House Property No.55, Khata No.40, carved out of Assessment/Survey.No.63, Situated at Rajeev Gandhinagara, Laggere Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Presently within the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike - Ward No.69, Measuring East to West: 20 Ft, and North to South: 33 Ft, in all totally measuring 660 Square Ft, consisting house, bounded on the East by: Property No.66, West by: Remaining Western Portion of same property No.55, North by: Road, South by: Property No.54, from its lawful owner Mrs.Vijayalakshmi.R. Any persons/institutions claiming to have any right, title, interest, charge, lien or minor claims whatsoever over the said property may lodge his/her/their/its claims to the undersigned with documentary proof within **seven (7) days** of this publication, failing which it will be deemed that no other person/s/institutions have any claim, demand, right, interest or title by way of previous sale or agreement to sell or mortgage or objections to purchase the said property by my clients and any such claims shall have no liabilities on my clients and my clients shall proceed and complete the sale, as if there is no such claims.

Sri.Prashanth.Kumar.K BA LLB
"LEX FACTUM", Advocate and Legal Consultant,
No.690, 2nd Floor, 36th Cross, 11th Main,
Rajajinagar 2nd Block, Bangalore-560 010

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that **SRI.MURALI MOHAN.T.C**, is the owner of immovable property mentioned in the schedule hereunder and he has lost the original Allotment letter dated 15/12/2014 and Possession certificate dated 19/1/2018 both issued by Bangalore Development Authority in the name Smt.B.S.Nagamani and Sale Deed dated 15/7/2016 bearing Document No.1310/ 2016-17, Book-1, Stored in CD No.220, executed by Bangalore Development Authority in favour of Smt.B.S.Nagamani W/o Sri.Gangadhar registered in the office of Sub registrar, Additional district registrar Urban District, pertaining to the schedule property. In case anybody having any claims or in possession of the said document, shall inform the under singed and handover the same within SEVEN DAYS from the date of publication of this notice.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property **SITE NO. 2788, VISHWESHWARAIAH LAYOUT** 6th Block, formed by Bangalore Development Authority, Measuring East to West 9.00 metres North to South 6.00 feet meters, bounded on:- East by : Road, West by : Site No.2839 & 2840; North by : Site No.2789; South by : Site No.2787.

N. JAGADEESH KUMAR, Advocate,
No.30/1, 2nd Floor, 7th Cross, Near NR Colony Bus Stand, Opp. Hotel Dwaraka, Bangalore-560019. Cell # 9341261700

IN THE COURT OF THE MOTOR ACCIDENT CLAIMS TRIBUNAL AT GUDIYATTAM

I.A.No.1 of 2024 in
MCOP No. 261 of 2014

P.Neelaveni and others. ... Petitioners

Vs

1.N.Vijayakumar,
2.Amjad Khan. ...Respondents

To,

R1. N.Vijayakumar, S/o. Nagappa, No.23, B, Block, C.A.R. Police Quarters, Audugopi, Bangalore-30. Karnataka State.

Please take notice that the above petitioner has filed a Claim Petition against you and another, for the Death sustained by him in a motor accident on **28-07-2014**. In this matter the notices has not served for you and hence if you have any objections you may appear in person or by a pleader on **28-11-2024** at **10.00 A.M.** failing which the matter will be decided exparte and further order will be passed.

(By order of the Court)

K.MOGANARAJU, B.Sc., B.L.,
M.SENTHILKUMAR, M.L.,
Advocates & Notary Public
No.25, Beemaraj Mudali Street,
Gudiyattam, Vellore-632602.
Cell: 9443321313 / 9994198977.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby Notified that my client **Sri. Rajendra M.B S/o Late M. Basappa** intends to Purchase the Schedule Property from its Owner **Smt.Sumitra Devi G, D/o Sri.N. Govindaiah** residing at No.695, 12th cross, 27th main Road, HSR Layout Sector-1, Bangalore-560102, in respect of the Residential Property **Site No.126, BBMP Katha No.126/126**, in the layout called as **Judicial Layout Phase-II Shivanagar,** Formed by Karnataka State Judicial Department Employees House Building Co-Operative Society Limited, Situated at **Thalaghattapura** Village, **Uttarahalli** Hobli, **Bengaluru South Taluk**, Bengaluru, Measuring **East to West 60 feet and North to South 40 feet**, totally measuring 2400 Square Feet. which is more-fully described in the Schedule Property as hereunder

If Any Person/s or Financial institution/s, Bank/s, etc have any claims, or right/Title over the Schedule Property they should file his/her/their/ objection/s or otherwise have any Objections/lawful objection/s for sale of the Schedule property by the aforesaid owner or previous owners , in writing along with supporting documents to the undersigned within Seven days **(7 days)** from the date of this notice. If No objections /Claims are received from any one stipulated time it will be presumed that nobody has any objection and my client will proceed to conclude and will not be binding on my client on the sale deed/transaction /title/right in respect of the Schedule Property

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Vacant **Site bearing No.126, BBMP Katha No.126/126**, in a layout called as **"Judicial Layout II Phase"**, **Shiva Nagar,** formed by the Karnataka State Judicial Department Employees House Building Co-operative Society Ltd., Formed in Sy. Nos. 3/1, 3/2, 4, 5 (p), 6/1 (p), 6/2(p), 26/1(p), 29, 39/1 to 6, 52(p) & 53 of **Mallasandra** Village and Sy. No.11, 12/1, 12/4 to 8, 13/1 to 3 and 14/3 of **Thalghattapura** Village, both villages in **Uttarahalli** Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently within the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, **Ward 198,** measuring East to West 60 Feet, And North to South 40 feet, in all measuring 2400 Square Feet and bounded on the :-

East by : Road
West by : Site No. 105
North by : Site No. 125
South by : Site No. 127

Jayate Advocate and Associates
Aswath B, Advocate
#36 (317/C) 9th A Main, 40th Cross, Jayanagar 5th Stage, Bangalore -560041
Contact No : 9901944099
e-mail: aswath.bb@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

This is for the notice of the General Public that Kavitha, W/o H. S. Sridhar, Aged About 50 Years, R/at 8 'A', HVS Apartment, No. 01, Edward Road, Queens Road, Bangalore 560001, is the owner of the property mentioned in the schedule herebelow,

Unfortunately, Mrs. Kavitha Sridhar, has lost the documents pertaining to the property mentioned in the schedule to this notice.

Anybody who found them and having the custody of the said documents is requested to hand over the same to Mrs. Kavitha Sridhar, directly by contacting her to his phone No. 9880066111 or the undersigned advocate of Mrs. Kavitha Sridhar, within a period of ten days from the date of publication of this public Notice.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Coimbatore Registration District, in Peelamedu Sub Registration District, in Coimbatore Taluk, in Krishnarayapuram Village, in S.F. No. 91/4, Dry land Acre 1.19, converted into house sites. In this Layout Site No. 07 having the following boundaries and measurements.

North of - 20 feet wide East West Road, South of - Property belongings to Mr. Kaveti Naidu, Mr. Krishnasamy Naidu, East of - Site No. 06, West of- Site No. 08.

And measuring 4300 Sq. Ft./399.48 Sq. Mt or 9 cents and 380 Sq. Ft. of house sites together with R.C.C. Building and all other doors, frames, windows and fixtures including fittings, Electricity Service Connection and its deposits, Water Service Connection and its deposits and all its amenities etc. together with right to use the roads and all other common rights etc.,

Ward No. X (24). Block No.21, Town Survey No,25

Door No: 17/7. 1707/1, Ilango Nagar.

Property Tax Assessment. 40410735, 40411122.

Electricity Service Connection No.03 027 005 656. 03 027 005 657.

Water Connection No. 40320636. 40320494,

The property is situated within the limits of Coimbatore Municipal Corporation.

Dilraj Rohit Sequeira
"JUSTITIA" THE LAW FIRM
No. 38, 3rd Floor, HVS Apartment,
Edward Road, Off Queen's Road,
Bangalore-560077. Mobile : 9845687076
dilroja@gmail.com
justitia7076@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general Public that My Client, **Anjali Anirudhan and Aditya Anirudh** Residing at Aditya Anirudh, 39 West Side, 2nd Cross, Sri Sai Residency Layout, Banjara Layout Bengaluru-560043. Main Road,

My Client have misplaced their original sale deed bearing No. 379/2024 dated 09/03/2024 registered at Sub Registrar, Kayamkulam Dist, Allepey, Kerala while travelling in Bus in Bangalore. **If anyone finds it, kindly contact 9686559841 OR 9880176864.**

S.R.S. ASSOCIATES
R. Sunil Kumar M.A, LL.B, ADVOCATE
Off: 906, T. Dasappia Enterprises,
Kirshna Gowda Layout, T. Dasarahall,
NH-4, Bangalore-560 057,
Phone (0) 8884572330 (M) 9080176864

PUBLIC NOTICE

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SCHEDULE PROPERTY

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N. JAGADEESH KUMAR, Advocate,
No.30/1, 2nd Floor, 7th Cross, Near NR Colony Bus Stand, Opp. Hotel Dwaraka, Bangalore-560019. Cell # 9341261700

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to the general public that my clients have intended to purchase the schedule properties mentioned below from **SRI NAGARAJAN** son of **Sri jayan.I.** & **SRI REJESH KUMAR N** Son of **Sri Nagarajan. J** ('Land Owners") along with **SRI. D.G. LAKSHMINARAYAN & SRI. K.V. SRINIVASA** ('Agreement Holders")

Any person / banks, financial institution(s), claiming to have any right title, charges, lien, mortgage or any other claim/objections whatsoever over on the schedule properties may lodge his/her/their/its claim/objection to the undersigned with documentary proof with in 14 Days. Failing which it will be presumed that there are no objections or claim or dispute in respect of the schedule properties and I shall process with the transaction so as to get this schedule properties conveyed in his/her their favour. No such claims thereafter shall by binding.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the below mentioned agricultural land parcels comprised in various survey numbers respectively, measuring extents as detailed below, situated at Pannenahalli & Holavanahalli Villages, Holavanahalli Hobli, Koratagere Taluk, Tumakuru District.

Sl. No	Survey No	Extent Acre/s	Extent Gunta/s	Boundaries	
1	27/3	01	21	East	Land bearing Sy.No.24
				West	Land bearing Sy.No.311
				North	Land bearing Sy No 27/2
				South	Land bearing Sy No 27/4
2	126/12 (earlier Sy No. 126/1)	02	16	East	Land bearing Sy No. 125/2 & 125/3
				West	Road & Land bearing Sy No.126/1
				North	Land bearing Sy No. 126/2
				South	Land bearing Sy No. 126/5
3	125/2	00	24	East	Land bearing Sy No. 311 & 310
				West	Land bearing Sy No. 126/12
				North	Land bearing Sy No. 125/1
				South	Land bearing Sy No.125/3
4	125/3	00	24	East	Land bearing Sy No. 311
				West	Land bearing Sy No. 126/12
				North	Land bearing Sy No. 125/2
				South	Land bearing Sy No.125/4
5	311	03	36	East	Land bearing Sy No. 27/3
				West	Land bearing Sy No. 125/2 & 125/3
				North	Land bearing Sy No.310
				South	Land bearing Sy No.312

Place : Bangalore **Date : 19.11.2024**

Manjunatha Reddy R, Advocate, No.1932, "Srigandha" 15th A Cross, 9th Main, Judicial Layout, GKVK Post, Bangalore-560065.

Email: vanyaassociates@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform that My Client, **MR.ANIL KUMAR MANUSANIPALLI**, intends to purchase the Site No.**B-26**, mentioned in the schedule property, from the respective owners **1) MR.K. PRAKASH & 2) MRS.ARCHANA.K.N**, and entered in to the Registered Sale Agreement dated 09.10.2024, Book-1,doc.no.YPR-1-07187/2024-25, and thereafter the Absolute Sale deed shall be execute by the respective owners in favour of my client. The Owners represent and warrant that the owners collectively or individually have not conveyed or have not entered into any agreement for sale or any sort of understanding or arrangement with any persons for sale/transfer of the schedule property (except me) and that the Owners further represent and warrant that they have not encumbered /mortgaged or created any lien on the schedule property in any manner and apart from him or no other person/s, family members or any person's having Objections or claims, shall with documentary evidence lodge their Objection/claim within **Thirty (30) days** from the date of this Notice with the undersigned failing which My Client, shall proceed with the above mentioned transaction by **EXECUTING THE ABSOLUTE SALE DEED.**

SCHEDULE PROPERTY.

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of **Site bearing No.B-26,** Old Assessment No.90, New Assessment no.90/2, now comes under the limits of BBMP, assigning the Ward No.69, Ward Name: Laggere, Bangalore, situated at Narasimha Layout, Laggere Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Measuring East to West: 50-0 feet and North to South: 30-0 feet, in all measuring 1500 Sq.feet., along with the portion of the residential house consisting of Ground Floor with 600 Sq.ft of built up area and First Floor with 600 Sq.ft of built up area having Vitrified /Mosaic Tiles Flooring, Doors and Windows are made with Honne Wood, thereon., and bounded on the **East by:** Road, **West by:** Private property, **North by:** Property bearing No.B-27, **South by:** Property bearing No.B-25.

K.MANJUNATHA LAW ASSOCIATES,
ADVOCATES & LEGAL CONSULTANTS.
Office at No.393, 1st Floor, 19th Main Road, 1ST Block, Rajajinagar, BENGALURU-560010
MOB NO.9886199381/9886399617
Date :18.11.2024 Place: Bangalore.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby notified that Smt.Shakunthala Selvan W/o Dr.N.Selvan, PAN no.FMBPS8727Q, residing at No.7/1, 5th Cross, Nagappa Street, Bangalore – 560 003 is the owner of the Schedule Property described infra.

It is noticed that the original gift deed dated 20.03.2012 (doc.no.1730/2011-12) pertaining to the Schedule Property is lost / misplaced. In this connection, an E-Complaint has been lodged on 18.11.2024 at Bangalore City Police Station, Bangalore, bearing Serial no.1339767.

The finder of the said document is requested to surrender the original gift deed to the undersigned within 10days from this day, failing which, it shall be deemed that the gift deed is irretrievably lost and certified copy of the same shall be obtained from the office of Sub-registrar of Assurances in lieu of lost original for the purpose of records.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property consisting of Second floor, Third floor and Fourth floors with a super built-up area in the 2nd floor measuring 1350 Sq. ft., 3rd floor measuring 1350 Sq. ft., and 4th floor, measuring 550 Sq. ft., along with 50 % undivided share equivalent to 1227.5 Sq. ft., formed in the property bearing no.197, present municipal no.5, PID no.98-64-5, situated at 10th Cross, Hebbal Ganganagar Layout, Ganganagar, ward no.98, Bangalore, measuring East to West : 40 ft., and North to South : 61 ½ + 61 ½ /2 ft., measuring in all 2455 Sq. ft., in the building constructed thereon consisting of basement, ground, first, second, third and fourth floors measuring in all 7250 Sq. ft., and is bounded as follows, On the

East by : Site no.196,
West by : Site no.198,
North by : Road,
South by : Site no.194.

R.Rajalakshmi, Advocate
No.520, III Floor, Prabhat Complex,
K.G Road, Bangalore-560 009.
Ph - 41247862 & 41224958
Bangalore Date : 18.11.2024

WATCO

OFFICE OF THE MANAGING DIRECTOR, WATCO

Ground Floor, Unnati Bhawan, H.B. Colony, Satyanagar, Bhubaneswar-751007, Odisha, India, Telefax: +91-674- 2571444
E-mail-watcoodisha@gmail.com

C-1027

INVITATION FOR BID (IFB)

Bid Identification No. WATCO (W) 14/2024-25 Dtd.14.11.2024
WATCO No. 7526 Date : 14.11.2024

1. No. of the work :- (1) Laying of 300mm dia -3000 mtrs rising main Jawahar Nagar to Timber Colony .
   (2) Provision of Drink from Tap & 24x7 water supply to Chandan Nagar & its adjoining areas of Sambalpur Town.
2. Eslimated cost (1) - Rs.316.40 Lakh (2) Rs. 393.76 Lakh
3. Period of completion :- 06 (Six), 06 (Six) Months.
4. Date & time of availability of bid document in the portal : From 11.00 A.M of 25.11.2024 to 5.00 P.M of 09.12.2024
5. Last date/Time of receipt of Bids in the portal :- 5.00 P.M of 09.12.2024
6. Date & Time of opening of technical bids :- 12.30 PM of 10.12.2024
7. Name and address of the Officer Inviting Bid : MD, WATCO, Telefax : 0674-2391444, E-Mail: watcoodisha@gmail.com
8. The bidders have to participate in ON-LINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the web site www.tendersodisha.gov.in

OIPR-13194/11/0022/2425 Sd/- (Managing Director) WATCO

Vistaar Financial Services Pvt Ltd

VISTAAR FINANCE

Regd Office:- Plot No.59&60-23, 22nd Cross, 29th Main, BTM Layout Stage 2, Bengaluru– 560076. www.vistaarfinance.com

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIALASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

NOTICE is hereby given by **Vistaar Financial Services Pvt Ltd (VFSPL)**, that the following borrowers who have availed loan against property from **Vistaar Financial Services Pvt Ltd** and failed to pay Equated Monthly Installments (EMIs) of their loan to and that their loan account has been classified as Non-performing Asset as per the guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India. The Borrowers have provided security of the immovable property towards the loan, the details of which are described herein below. The details of the loan and the amounts outstanding and payable by the borrowers to **Vistaar Financial Services Pvt Ltd** as on date are also indicated here below. The borrowers as well as the public in general are hereby informed that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Vistaar Financial Services Pvt Ltd**, the secured creditor has initiated action against the following borrowers under the provisions of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the SARFAESIAct). If the following borrowers fails to repay the outstanding dues indicated against their names within 60 (Sixty) days of this notice along with further interest and other charges if any, the undersigned will exercise any one or more of the powers conferred on the Secured Creditor under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, including power to take posses-sion of the property and sell the same. The public in general is advised not to deal with property described here below.

Account No.	Name of Borrower & Co Borrower	Total Outstanding	Total Loan Out-standing as on
0251SBML00600	1.MR.MANJUNATH.P.S 2.MRS.VINUTHA.A.T	Rs. 25,86,140/-	07-11-2024

DESCRIPTION OF THE SECURED ASSET:

All the piece and parcel of the immoveable property, Bearing Site No. 152, Comprised in Assessment No. 44/1, Situated in Srigandakavalu Village, Yashwanthapur Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru and Bounded on East to West - 45 Sqft, North to South - 30 Sqft, All Measuring 1350 Sqft, **Bounded on** : North by:Site No. 153,South by :Site No. 151, East by:School,West by:Road

Date : 18.11.2024
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorized Officer
Vistaar Financial Services Private Limited

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

INVITATION FOR TENDER (Only through KPP-Portal) - 2nd Call

BWSSB invites tenders in two stage tender system from eligible contractors for the following works:

Office of the Chief Engineer (WWM-West), 6th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, KG Road, Bengaluru - 560009

Name of the work	Amount put to tender / EMD
IFT No.: BWSSB/CE(WWM-W)/ACE(WWM-N-W)/DCE(WWM-E&W)TA-2/1052/2024-25 Date: 15-11-2024	
1) Providing and Laying 500mm dia DWC SN-8 class pipeline form Landon Bridge pipeline road Vinayaka Nagar, Guddahalli to along SWD upto a street, Bapujinagar, Bangalore.	**Rs.164.06 Lakhs** **Rs.2.46 Lakhs**
For the above works Last date and time for Receipt of tenders will be on **03.12.2024 upto 16:30 hrs.** The tenders will be opened on **04.12.2024 at 17:30 hrs.**	
IFT No.: BWSSB/CE(WWM-W)/ACE(WWM-N-W)/DCE(WWM-E&W)TA-2/1048/2024-25 Date: 15-11-2024	
2) Providing and Laying of 800/700/600 dia RCC NP-3/DWC SN-B.Class sewer pipe from Sri Dharma Bodhi temple along Manmohan farm to Existing 1200mm dia sewerline near Kenchenahalli main road RR Nagar, Bangalore.	**Rs.258.52 Lakhs** **Rs.3.88 Lakhs**
For the above works Last date and time for Receipt of tenders will be on **19.12.2024 upto 16:30 hrs.** The tenders will be opened on **20.12.2024 at 17:30 hrs.**	

Sd/- Chief Engineer (WWM-West)

The details regarding the tender and participation in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** For further details contact the above signed office during the working hours.

DIPR/CP/BCPL/3266/2024-25

SIDDAGANGA URBAN CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,

S.H.S.Building, B.H.Road, Tumakuru – 572 102, Tel: 0816 – 2277267
Fax: 0816 - 2277267, email: sucb95@gmail.com

POSSESSION NOTICE

[Under Rule 8(1) for Immovable Properties]

WHEREAS, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Siddaganga Urban Co –Operative Bank Ltd., B H Road, Tumakuru** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices calling upon the following borrowers/ mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in their respective notices with further interest/cost etc within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

Details of demand notices such as borrower(s)/mortgagor(s)name & address, date of issue of notice, loan outstanding amount, present loan dues & description of properties are mentioned against each borrower hereunder.

1. **Name & Address of the borrower** : **1) Smt. Chandrakala S,** W/o Shri Savandaraju,**2) Shri Savandaraju,** Behind Govt. Primary School, 'Nishantha Nilaya', Madanayakanahalli, Madavara Post, Bengaluru North – 562123.
   Demand Notice Date: 13.08.2024 **No.SUCB/SARF/LO-1325**
   Loan Outstanding amount as per Demand Notice: Rs.48,46,677/- (Rupees Forty Eight Lakh Forty Six Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Seven Only) as on 31.07.2024 and future interest at contractual rate from **01.08.2024** togetherwith incidental expenses, costs, charges, etc
   Possession Taken Date : 13.11.2024
   Present Loan Outstanding :Rs 49,24,178/- (RupeesForty Nine Lakh Twenty Four Thousand One Hundred Seventy Eight Only) as on 21.10.2024 and future interest at contractual rate from 22.10.2024 togetherwith incidental expenses thereon.
   Description of the Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of property bearing MadanayakanahalliJanjaru No.4, khata No.159, Site No.4, Assessment No.95/89, situated at Madanayakanahalli village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet and totally measuring 1200sq feet with Building constructed thereon and standing in the name of Smt. Chandrakala S, W/o Shri Savandaraju, vide Sale Deed dated 27.06.2003 and Registered as Document No.11342/2003-04 dated 14.07.2003 at SRO, Bangalore North Taluk and bounded on: East by: Property of Shri M L Sadashivaiah, West by: North west portion of the same property, North by : Property of Smt Puttarevamma,South by: Multipurpose Passage.
2. **Name & Address of the Borrower/Mortgagors: (1) Shri Jagannath H G.,**S/o Late Shri Gubbanna,**(2) Shri Rajendra H. J.,**S/o Shri Jagannath H. G., **Both residing at:**No.45, Dollars Colony, Ashwath Nagar, 1st Block, 2nd Stage, 4th Cross, RMV Extension, Bengaluru – 560094
   Demand Notice Date: **28.08.2024** **No.SUCB/SARF/LO-124**
   Loan Outstanding amount as per Demand Notice: Rs.64,92,368/- (Rupees Sixty Four Lakh Ninety Two Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Eight Only) as on 31.07.2024 and future interest at contractual rate from **01.08.2024** togetherwith incidental expenses, costs, charges, etc
   Possession Taken Date : 13.11.2024
   Present Loan Outstanding : Rs.66,45,272/- (Rupees Sixty Six Lakh Forty Five Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Two Only) as on 21.10.2024 and future interest at contractual rate from 22.10.2024 together with incidental expenses thereon.
   Description of the Immovable Properties:
   Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of property bearing Katha No.115/106/3722 at Bengaluru Rural District, Doddaballapura Town, Ward No.4, Ganigarapete Extn., measuring East to West 76.5 feet and North to South on West Side 50 feet and East Side 36 feet in which including the commercial building there on and standing in the name of Shri H.G. Jaganath, S/o Late Shri Gubbanna, vide Sale Deed 24.08.1978 and Registered as Document No.1363/1978-79 at SRO, Doddaballapura and also Form No. 3(Rule 20) dated 20.01.2018 issued by the Municipal Commissioner, Nagarasabhe, Doddaballapura and bounded on: East by: Road, West by:Property of others,North by:Garadi Sandu,South by :House of Chikkarudrappa Basamma.
   Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of property bearing Katha No.137/125/3740 at Bengaluru Rural District, Doddaballapura Town, Ward No.4, Ganigarapete Extn., measuring East to West 18 feet and North to South 44 feet in which including the commercial building there on and standing in the name of Shri H.G. Jaganath, S/o Late Shri Gubbanna, vide Sale Deed 24.08.1978 and Registered as Document No.1363/1978-79 at SRO, Doddaballapura and also Form No. 3(Rule 20) dated 20.01.2018 issued by the Municipal Commissioner, Nagarasabhe, Doddaballapura and bounded on:East by: Road & House of Shankaramma,West by: House of Muddabasamma,North by : Galli and Factory of Shivanna,South by :Galli and Applicant's House.
   Item No.3: All that piece and parcel of property bearing Katha No.78/75/2743 at Bengaluru Rural District, Doddaballapura Town, Ward No.3, New Ward No. 22, Shenigarapete Extn., measuring East to West 14 feet and North to South 129 ¾ feet in which including the commercial building there on and standing in the name of Shri H.G. Jaganath, S/o Late Shri Gubbanna, vide Sale Deed 24.08.1978 and Registered as Document No.1363/1978-79 at SRO, Doddaballapura and also Form No. 3(Rule 20) dated 30.01.2018 issued by the Municipal Commissioner, Nagarasabhe, Doddaballapura and bounded on:East by: House of Shri Rajashekaraiah, West by:Film Theater belongs to Thimmappa, North by:Municipal Road, South by :Municipal Road.
3. **Name & Address of the Borrower/Mortgagors: Shri Syed Pacha,**S/o Shri Mohamad Ibrahim, No.136, Doddabelavangala Village & Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District
   Demand Notice Date: **13.08.2024** **No.SUCB/SARF/LO-177**
   Loan Outstanding amount as per Demand Notice: Rs.5,76,800/- (Rupees Five Lakh Seventy Six Thousand Eight Hundred Only) as on 31.07.2024 and future interest at contractual rate from **01.08.2024** together with incidental expenses, costs, charges, etc.
   Possession Taken Date : 13.11.2024
   Present Loan Outstanding : Rs.5,40,447/- (Rupees Five Lakh Forty Thousand Four Hundred Forty Seven Only) as on 21.10.2024 and future interest at contractual rate from 22.10.2024 togetherwith incidental expenses thereon.
   Description of the Immovable Properties: All that piece and parcel of the property situated at Bangalore Rural Dist., Doddaballapura Taluk, Doddabelavangala Gramapanchayath, Doddabelavangala Village, Katha No.580/164/106, Site No.106, measuring as East to West: 40 and North to South: 30 fee total measuring 1200 Sq. Feet in which including building standing in the name of Shri Syed Pacha, S/o Shri Mohamad Ibrahim, vide Hakkupatra issued on 15.08.1990 by Govt.of Karnataka, Bengaluru Rural District Parishat, Doddabelavangala Mandal Panchayat and bounded on: East by: Vacant Land, West by: Road, North by: Site belongs to Nannu, South by: Vacant Land.

The above mentioned borrowers/mortgagors having failed to repay the amount in full as mentioned in their respective demand notices, notice is hereby given to them and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein above against their name in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the above mentioned dates.

The Borrowers/mortgagors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with these properties and any dealings with the said properties will be subject to the charges of the **Siddaganga Urban Co-Operative Bank Ltd., B. H. Road, Tumkur** for the present loan outstanding amount of the borrowers as mentioned against their name with further interest plus expenses thereon.

The borrowers/mortgagors' attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Sd/-

Place: Tumakuru
Date : 13.11.2024

Authorised Officer
Siddaganga Urban Co- Operative Bank Ltd., Tumakuru

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank Branch Office : ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore-560068

The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Toleti Sai Teja/ Toleti Naga Malleswara Rao/ LBGTR00006157422/ LBGTR00006215052/ LBGTR00006161904	Schedule:a Guntur District, Mangalagiri Sub District, Ilaka Tadepatli Mandal, Undavalli Grama Panchayath Area, Undavalli Village Survey No.128/1 Vendor Has A Right Undavalli Village 3rd Block, Near to Door No.3-340 Vacant Site is Bounded By: East : 18 Ft. Wide Joint Road- 37 Ft. South : 18 Ft. Wide Joint Road- 69 Ft. West : Panchayath Road- 37 Ft. North : Site of Plot No.18-69 Ft. Within These Boundaries An Extent of 284 Sq-yds. 237 45 Sq.mts. Site And in That An Undivided and Unspecified Share of 33 Sq.yds. 27.59 Sq.mts, Site. Schedule: B Flat Details:- Bounds For Construction of Double Bedroom Flat on The Second Floor of Flat Number 201 In The Apartment on The First, Second , Third and Fourth Floors, Ground Floor Parking Named Brundavanam Constructed In The Entire Area As Per Above Aschedule East : Flat No.202 and Common Corridor South : Open to Sky. West : Open to Sky. North : Open to Sky. Between These Boundaries 875 Sq.ft. Plinth Area, 100 Sq.ft Common Area, 100 Sq.ft. Parking Area All Common Areas Related to The Said Apartment Common Facilties I.e Common Corridors, Stair Case Pathways, Lift Etc. Including My Joint Rights With The Rest of The Purchases in The Entire Settlement, Including My Entire Easement Rights Over The Immovable Property As Per A and B- Schedule Entires/ Date of Symbolic Posseesion on 13.11.2024	19/06/2024 Rs. 28,53,148.00/-	Guntur

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/guarantors(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date: November 19, 2024
Place: Bangalore

Sincerely Authorised Signatory
For ICICI Bank Ltd.

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, ANANDAPUR BARRAGE PROJECT, SALAPADA

(E-mail id: cceabp@gmail.com)

A-564 **E-procurement Notice No. CCEABP-05 of 2024-25**

E-Procurement officer	Name of the work	Bid Id No.	Tender cost in Lakhs (Appx)	Bid security (online)	Cost of Bid Document (Online)	Class of contractor	Period of completion	Availability of tender on line for bidding From	Availability of tender on line for bidding To	Date of opening of technical Bid (Cover-1)
Chief Construction Engineer A.B Project, Salapada	Protection to eroded slope of left bank in the U/S of Anandapur Barrange near village Sadangi and Bank protection near Padmapur and restoration of disturbed protected banks on both sides.	ABP-ABD-01/05 of 2024-25	4568.00	45,68,000/-	10,000/-	SPI & Super Class	12 calendar Months	21.11.24 11.30AM	11.12.24 5.00PM	12.12.24 11.30AM

Further details can be seen from the Govt website www.tendersorissa.gov.in/www.dowrodisha.gov.in. Addendum/ corrigendum/ cancellation if any required will be published in Govt. website only.

Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer
Anandapur Barrage Project, Salapada.

OIPR-32068/11/0006/2425

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, P.H. DIVISION, BALASORE

Phone: 9438660004, e-mail- eephbls@gmail.com

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement (Online Mode)

Invitation for Bids (IFB) dt.14.11.2024

C-1004: The Superintending Engineer, P.H. Division, Balasore on behalf of Governor of Odisha, invites Item Rate bids in Double cover system in **ONLINE mode** only.

Sl No.	Name of the Work	Bid Identification No.	Value of work (Rs. in Lakh)	Class of contractor	Period of Completion	Availability of bid documents for online bidding From	Availability of bid documents for online bidding To	Last date and time of seeking clarification	Date & Time of opening of technical bid
1	Supply of ISI Marked DI (K7) Pipes for the wotk Construction of ESR & Extension of Distribution System with Pumping arrangement for Balasore Municipality	SEPHBLS-15 dt. 14.11.2024	450.77	Manufacturer	90 (Ninety) Days	11:00 Hrs. of dt. 21.11.2024	17:00 Hrs. of dt. 05.12.2024	17:00 Hrs. of dt. 02.12.2024	11:00Hrs. of 06.12.2024
2	Supply of ISI Marked DI (K7) Pipes for the work improvement of water supply to Basudevpur Municipality	SEPHBLS-16 dt. 14.11.2024	80.95	Manufacturer	60 (Sixty) Days	11:00 Hrs. of dt. 21.11.2024	17:00 Hrs. of dt. 05.12.2024	17:00 Hrs. of dt. 02.12.2024	11:00Hrs. of 06.12.2024

The bidders shall have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website: **http://tendersodisha.gov.in.** Any addendum/corrigendum/cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website. The authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids without assigning any reason thereof.

Name and Address of the officer inviting bid :- The Superintending Engineer, P.H. Division, Balasore-756056, Odisha, Phone : 9438660004

OIPR-13053/11/0002/2425 **Sd/- Superintending Engineer, P.H. Division, Balasore.**

We need new kinds of collaborations and policy frameworks to challenge endless growth and consumption-based lifestyles. The current form of capitalism is toxic for life on Earth

Farhana Yamin

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— Ramnath Goenka

SKILLED WORKFORCE, QUALITY CONSCIOUSNESS FOR MANUFACTURING

TATA Electronics has agreed to buy a majority stake in Apple iPhone contract manufacturer Pegatron, a Taiwanese company. Earlier, the Tata Group company had bought the Karnataka plant of another iPhone contract manufacturer, Wistron. With these acquisitions, the Tatas have become a major manufacturer of iPhones in India along with Foxconn, which remains the biggest manufacturer of Apple's flagship product.

It is indeed a big leap for mobile manufacturing in India. However, it also comes as a big responsibility for the Tatas to prove their credibility globally as a manufacturer of high-end electronic products. iPhone manufacturing in India has taken off with exports posting a 37 percent growth to $10.5 billion in the first seven months of the current financial year over the same period last year. But so far, most of it has been manufactured by Indian subsidiaries of Taiwanese firms. The Tatas have now emerged as a major Indian player vying for the iPhone manufacturing pie. Currently, iPhone manufacturing in the country is mostly limited to last-stage assembling, which accounts for around 15 percent of the product's value. The government aims to increase this to 40 percent. For that to happen, local manufacturers like Tatas need to up their game. Apple has big plans for India that go beyond manufacturing 50 million iPhones a year— the world's largest consumer electronics company also sees the country hosting its entire production process from planning and designing to mass production. If the Tata Group can prove its credibility in precision engineering and high-end manufacturing, it could also open the market for more local players.

India, which is aspiring to be a global manufacturing hub focusing on semiconductors, mobile phones and defence equipment, would depend on these local companies to prove its dependability on the global stage. But to incentivise such manufacturing, only cash or tax incentives may not suffice. The country needs to spend big on creating more highly-skilled manpower, and foster a no-compromise-on-quality environment in the country. More and more countries are looking inwards while trying to revive local manufacturing. That is why developed countries are raising non-tariff barriers for goods from emerging markets. If India needs to get over these hurdles, it needs to think beyond incentives.

NEXT GEN TAKING T20 CRICKET TO NEXT LEVEL

AND just like that, India have racked up another T20 international series win—this time against South Africa in South Africa. It's their fourth successive series victory since being crowned the T20 World Champions in Barbados in June. While the results may not be as surprising, the manner in which it happened tells the story of the 'IPL generation' of cricketers.

Since Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli and Ravindra Jadeja bid adieu to the shortest format after the T20 World Cup, the next generation has taken to international cricket like fish to water. These players grew up watching sixes hit for fun in the IPL. Their comfort with the new coaching manual for big-hitting has made them run-scoring machines. With the old generation giving way to the new, the scoring rate has increased exponentially. Scoring 100s in 40-plus balls has become a norm. Openers Sanju Samson and Abhishek Sharma are giving starts that India could have only dreamt of a decade ago. Tilak Varma is striking sweet and fast. It is only natural that the leading run-scorers since the World Cup final have strike rates past 170—Sanju Samson (180.91 SR), Tilak Varma (198.58) and Abhishek Sharma (171.81). Then there is Yashasvi Jaiswal (170), Rinku Singh (143.8) and Nitish K Reddy (180).

This generation grew up by and large playing T20s, and so it has become their second nature to bat the way they have so far. To do it in a league like IPL, where each team has some uncapped bowlers to target, is one thing; but to replicate such hitting against South Africa stamps their class. India, for the longest time, were perceived as a team lagging in batting in the shortest format. Rohit and the then head coach Rahul Dravid ensured that it changed, and they signed off with a global title to remember. The next generation under Suryakumar Yadav is taking that legacy forward. It is only fitting that Yadav is leading India into the future, for he has been a pioneer of explosive T20 batting irrespective of the circumstances. With these next-gen superstars to assist him, it would be fair to say that Indian cricket is in safe hands.

QUICK TAKE

CITIZENS IN THE POLLUTION FIGHT

THE smog choking the nation's capital for most of November thickened into an enveloping toxic pall on Monday. Not for the first time, the city registered as the most polluted in the world on various air quality indexes. Particulate matters sized 10 micrometres or less, which should be below 54 μg/m³ to prevent adverse health effects, touched 999 in parts of the capital territory. Rather than only expecting governments to solve these problems, we, the citizens, must reconsider some of our choices that include avoiding public transport and switching on heaters rather than insulating homes better. And to vote out the politicians who are apathetic to the pollution fight.

The priority for Indo-US relations during Trump's second stint is likely to be the strategic partnership driven by shared concerns about China. Iran could be a tougher test

THE IMPACT OF TRUMP 2.0 ON INDIA'S SECURITY

LT GEN SYED ATA HASNAIN (RETD)

Former Commander, Srinagar-based 15 Corps; Chancellor, Central University of Kashmir

SOURAV ROY

THE second coming of Donald Trump as POTUS is likely to have a significant impact on the world and on India too. At least three characteristics of his last incumbency project his style and focus, which could have a bearing in the future.

The first is his propensity to use his position to criticise perceived adversaries in the media, foreign officials, personalities in both political parties, and even foreign heads of state. Not one to take much advice, the conventional style of diplomacy followed by the state department, for example, doesn't gel with him. In four years, he had nine officials serve with him as secretaries of state and defence, and as national security adviser—all key appointments. Consistency and ability to get along aren't Trump's high marks, although he advocates peace at most times.

Second, his willingness to challenge norms was a hallmark of his presidency. He was willing to overturn past customs and expectations of presidential behaviour. His obsession with America First and Make America Great Again may not necessarily allow rational decision making because he could be restricted in thinking to first order effects of decisions.

Third, his outspoken nature was a trait that defined his presidency. His morning tweets sometimes seemed to reflect the subject and strategy of his dreams. Yet, to think Trump is not capable and his decisions always border on a maverick's would be entirely incorrect; because over four years, he could bring his influence to almost every area of US interest.

The above were some important observations from the American media to begin with while attempting to analyse the coming of President Trump 2.0. There is no special relationship with India that he looks at, but apparently the attitude and approach towards India was and will be positive.

The priority for the Indo-US relationship under his presidency is likely to be strategic partnership, driven by shared concerns about China's growing influence in Asia. His view on India's proximity to Russia is expected to be pragmatic. The last time, it will be recalled that the Indo-Russia S-400 deal worth $5 billion had all the potential to scuttle much in Indo-US relations due to India's continued insistence about its strategic autonomy. Yet, the Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act was not applied to India.

His administration will likely continue to encourage India to reduce its dependence on Russian military equipment, citing Russia's increasing international isolation due to its actions in Ukraine. Trump may focus on strengthening defence cooperation with India, potentially offering alternative military equipment and technology. Yet, a lot will depend upon the fate of the war in Ukraine and the status of US-Russia relations, which probably will see some improvement. Stopping hostilities in Ukraine would give Russia a chance to deliver to India more on its promises as it seeks continuity in its long-standing defence relationship. If sanctions were to be diluted or lifted altogether, India would find it easier to do business with Russia from whom it has purchased weapons and equipment worth over $60 billion in the last many years.

Trump is apparently far more comfortable with India's strategic autonomy and independent decision-making than the Democrats were. Therefore, should the Ukraine situation improve, India and Russia may be back in defence business, with due emphasis on manufacturing in India.

However, there is always the potential of something different happening too. If Russian President Vladimir Putin does not play ball even under Trump's supposed friendly coercion, the consequences could be quite unpredictable.

The Biden administration had looked at India's equidistance from Ukraine and Russia as an issue of interest in the larger build-up to possible negotiations. Whether Trump 2.0 will follow that with any interest may be doubtful as he perhaps perceives he knows the Russian president best and can handle this himself.

The reported possibility that Florida Senator Marco Rubio is likely to be named secretary of state may be music to the ears of some strategic circles in India. He is a known hardliner on China and is likely to aim to foster a strong India-US partnership to counterbalance China's expanding influence. He has been among the most outspoken senators on the need for the US to be more aggressive on China. For that, he may expect India to be a ready partner.

India's recent agreement on patrolling rights and reducing tension at the Line of Actual Control has been a positive development almost five years after China attempted shades of coercion in Ladakh to apparently temper our and the world's perception of India's rise. The challenge before India will therefore be on how to balance the improvement of its relations with China with the more aggressive designs the Trump administration could bring to bear in the approach towards China.

India's strategic decisions regarding its border dispute with China are guided by its national interests, and the US respects that sovereignty. The US-India partnership will then need to build on promoting regional stability, security and economic cooperation, rather than perpetuating confrontation.

Trump's West Asia policy will be watched with much interest. It's in his time that the Western Quad was mooted and the US, UAE, India and Israel established the special equation. An end to the Gaza and Lebanon conflicts will allow this and the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor to rise to expectations. It's only Trump who can effectively ensure an end to Israeli intransigence and take initiatives with the Arab states to seek ways of achieving Palestinian aspirations without Hamas.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's focused approach on West Asia has provided ample scope and opportunity to expand India's ties with that region. This can be realised to a higher potential by a major Trump approach to peace and stability in the area. Unfortunately, the Iran factor will continue to dog the region's peace potential. It will take much of Trump's decision making to either opt for a conciliatory or a confrontationist approach with Iran. The relationship with Iran is likely to prove a greater test for Trump 2.0 than perhaps the one with even China.

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PUTTING WOMEN AT CENTRE OF GLOBAL CLIMATE ACTION

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THE COP29 climate summit going on in Baku has scheduled November 21 as 'gender day' to focus on women's participation in global climate action. But are they adequately represented at the COP high table? Only eight of the 78 world leaders participating in COP29 are women; the 2023 COP summit featured 15 women among a total of 133.

This is not to say that women's voices are not being heard. The UN claims that more than four-fifths of the parties at COP have looked closely at gender in their latest nationally determined contributions and adaptation plans. There is good reason for that. It has long been established that women—especially those in developing nations—bear the brunt of climate change more than men. Different reports, including quite a few from various UN offices, have highlighted this over the years.

As far back as 2009, a UN report noted, "Women are more vulnerable to the effects of climate change than men—primarily as they constitute the majority of the world's poor and are more dependent for their livelihood on natural resources that are threatened by climate change." It pointed out that women don't have many of the freedoms they require to adapt to climate crises due to persistent social, economic and political setbacks.

Then, as recently as last year, a report by UN Women estimated climate change would plunge at least 158 million women and girls into poverty by 2050, which is 16 million more than men and boys. Displacement due to extreme weather events like ravaging floods, storms, heatwaves, cyclones and droughts adds to the challenge. Researchers say women and children are 14 times more likely to die due to climate-change-induced disasters than men. For instance, 70 percent of the 230,000 people killed in the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami were women.

The social turmoil that follows such events tends to push up violence on women too. The Sixth assessment report of UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change also established the link between the climate crisis and gender vulnerabilities. For instance, forced marriages and human trafficking witnessed a rise in Bangladesh during and after Cyclone Roanu and other storms.

Lancet Planetary Health, in a 2022 report titled *'Extreme events and gender-based violence: a mixed-methods systematic review'*, also revealed links between extreme weather and climate disasters with an increase in gender-based violence against women across the world. The study underlined the causes—"economic instability, food insecurity, mental stress, disrupted infrastructure, increased exposure to men, tradition, and exacerbated gender inequality".

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> It's clear that women bear the brunt of climate change much more than men. On the other hand, they are more effective in working at climate solutions. Yet, centuries of patriarchy has curbed their access to resources, training and decision-making. It's time to change that

But even as women and girls are hit hard by climate emergencies, less than a third of the countries have some sort of national climate action plan that includes a commitment to upholding sexual and reproductive health, the UN Population Fund reported in 2023.

The suffering can get compounded by pollution, another emergency aggravated across Indian cities by the changing climate. A 2021 *Lancet* report analysed data from over 34,000 mothers who had had at least one pregnancy loss. The large number of miscarriages reported from India was found to be caused mostly due to exposure to bad ambient air, especially the fine particles present in it. It concluded, "Suboptimal air quality contributes to a considerable fraction of total pregnancy loss in South Asia." The 2023 UN report corroborates it and adds it isn't a worry only in India, "Climate change poses an existential threat to all of us, but pregnant women, babies, and children face some of the gravest consequences of all."

Then there are the patriarchal norms and rights that come in the way. For instance, women constitute 50-80 percent of the world's food production workforce; however, they own less than 10 percent of the land. Hence their decision-making powers including those to tackle climate's vagaries are curbed.

Hence, it is crucial to increase all attempts aimed at involving women in climate action at global, national, local and hyper-local levels. The primary reason is that women are more vulnerable to climate disasters. Hence, the success of the global fight against them would depend on the participation of more women and their commitment to the net-zero targets.

But it's also imperative to include more women in climate action because their intervention is often more effective. Women's participation is seen to galvanise climate action. A 2005 research found that nations with higher proportions of women in parliament were more prone to ratify environmental treaties than other nations. Moreover, women are often the first responders to the climate change crisis at the community level.

Women-led action yields far better results in climate solutions. For instance, women are known to have increased agricultural yields by 20-30 percent when given the same access to resources as men. Women are known to have produced even better results when given proper training, resources and technology to engage in sustainable farming. This would reduce the climate-induced production troubles and the resultant food insecurity that worries almost every major agricultural producer now.

The conclusion is clear: empowering women to mitigate and adapt to the climate change crisis means stronger and more climate-resilient action.

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Bulldozer relief

Ref: *Speaking order by Supreme Court against bulldozer justice* (Nov 18). It is surprising how the drastic punishment was allowed to be replicated in several states for years. The latest ruling along with the guidelines for demolition set by the apex court is a relief, though it took about a decade.

M Haneef, Kottayam

Expensive healthcare

Ref: *Lifestyle diseases raise cost of healthcare* (Nov 18). Kerala's rising healthcare costs, fueled by the increasing prevalence of lifestyle diseases, highlight a growing crisis for the state. With out-of-pocket expenses far exceeding the national average, many residents are burdened by expensive long-term treatments. A multifaceted approach is needed, promoting awareness, rationalizing private sector costs, and encouraging government hospital use.

Hrishitha A K, Madayipara

Medical complications

Lifestyle diseases like hypertension, diabetes and obesity have added to healthcare expenses. Patients seeking medical treatment for other diseases have life-threatening complications due to lifestyle diseases like end-stage organ failure, rendering the very process of treatment prohibitively expensive.

George Jacob, Kochi

Alternative treatments

Ref: *Cancer calls for a coherent health system response* (Nov 18). Cancer treatment must be removed from the clutches of big pharma and corporate hospitals. The treatments are largely ineffective, very expensive and even toxic. Researching doctors have reported other effective repurposed medicines. Oncologists must seriously look at them.

M Balakrishnan, Bengaluru

Reckless ambulances

It is distressing to know that 29 people died in ambulance accidents in Kerala last year. Recklessly speeding ambulances put the lives of people in danger rather than saving them. Ambulances should be driven safely and not dangerously. No one should be above the law.

Roy A Kallivayalil, Thiruvalla

President's rule?

Ref: *Shah holds key meet as Manipur simmers* (Nov 18). The situation in Manipur is going from bad to worse. One wonders why the Centre is not examining the option of imposing president's rule in the state temporarily. Procrastination in initiating steps to bring the situation under control can have serious repercussions for the country's security.

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POSTS OF THE DAY

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BJP's anti-Jharkhand and anti-tribal mentality becomes clear from the fact that they have not paid Jharkhand's dues worth ₹1.36 lakh crore.

Aaditya Thackeray @AUThackeray
Have you heard from the Union Environment Minister about the pollution in the states? No. Because he has been given the responsibility of political pollution by his party.

'30% climate aid must go to agriculture'

Kaveh Zahedi, from UN FAO, stresses need for innovative solutions like agroforestry and sustainable farming

KAVEH ZAHEDI is the Director of the Office of Climate Change, Biodiversity, and Environment at the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO). In an interview with **SV Krishna Chaitanya**, he talks about the intertwined challenges of global hunger and climate change. Excerpts:

Agriculture is one of the major emitters of greenhouse gases. What work is FAO doing to tackle the challenge of food production as well as climate change?
We need to produce more with less. Today about 730 million people are still living in hunger. We still have malnutrition. We are still behind the targets of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG2) in terms of stunting. So, we know that right now we are not providing enough food for people around the world. The recent study that we did showed that it's a bit of an unequal picture. Whereas 1 in 9 are living in hunger globally, in Africa it's about 1 in 5 even higher incidence. The world population is growing towards 10 billion people by the middle of the century. So this is the landscape we are working in. At the same time, climate change is happening and already impacting our agriculture and the communities that depend on agriculture. We can't just work on food insecurity and forget the climate. We can't just work on climate and forget food insecurity. We have to do these two together.

Recently, The New Indian Express published an article highlighting over 30% of soil in India has degraded. What is the scenario worldwide and how to address it?
Not just in India, about 30% of agricultural land globally has degraded because of excess use of chemical fertilisers and unsustainable practices. FAO is working with all the developing countries, including India, on their agricultural agenda. Producing more with less means we have to produce more, but with less input fertilisers, pesticides. That means more precision agriculture where there is better use of water, which is becoming scarce.

Currently, how much of climate finance is going into agriculture?
If you look at climate finance more broadly, including project-level private finance, not just development aid, only 4% is going into agrifood systems solutions, which is very small. If you take a much narrower lens, which is the conversation here in COP29, only 20% of the climate-tagged developmental assistance aid out of $100 billion target that was set within the UNFCCC, was going into agrifood systems. But what is worrying is the trajectory is only going down.

What about the accessibility to climate finance? Why are global funds not supporting agricultural reform, for instance in India?
Climate change is impacting agriculture and for many, that is a primary concern, but unfortunately very few of them translate that into concrete targets of how we need to invest in agriculture and build resilience to reduce emissions. So translating this sort of broader ambition into specifics is going to be a big part of the next round of NDCs (Nationally Determined Contributions) due in February next year. We need to embed agriculture into NDCs at full scale so that you can see more investment, especially from the vertical funds such as the Green Climate Fund and Global Environment Facility. If it's in the NDC as a critical investment for us to meet the Paris Agreement goals, then it becomes investable. We also need to look domestically. How do we repurpose some of the current agricultural investments within the countries so that they are also helping move the needle towards this sustainable, resilient agriculture.

FAO supports countries when they ask us to access some of these global funds. We have helped dozens of countries access these funds. They are not immediate investments. I think the Indian government is very sophisticated and is absolutely able to access these funds.

What are the other ways in which finance can be raised in agriculture?
The real transformation of the agri-food systems would cost us about $1.3 trillion a year. It's not going to come uniquely and solely from climate finance. All of it has to be a package that drives this sort of direction change.

What are your expectations from the COP29? What is the message you want to give to the countries?
The message is loud and clear. Investing in sustainable and resilient agriculture is critical if we want to achieve the targets that we set ourselves under the Paris Agreement and nationally through the NDCs. We need further momentum from this COP29. When we are saying 30% of emissions are coming from agriculture, then at least 30% of investments should come to agriculture.

Coast Guard to hold largest search and rescue drill at Kochi

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

THE Indian Coast Guard (ICG) is gearing up to host India's largest national maritime search and rescue exercise (SAREX-24) which will have a major gathering of international representatives.

The plan is to hold it alongside the 22nd National Maritime Search and Rescue (NMSAR) Board Meeting at Kochi, Kerala on November 28-29.

The ICG on Monday said, "The two-day event will feature the largest ever real-time simulations aimed at honing the skills required for effective search and rescue (SAR) operations, collaborative efforts among regional and international maritime stakeholders."

This gathering of maritime experts will not only enhance SAR capabilities but also strengthen SAR linkages with the participation of more than 40 international observers from partner nations.

The event, themed 'Enhancing SAR Capabilities through Regional Collaboration', is set to redefine maritime safety standards across the region and beyond. It "will underscore the essentials of global cooperation in safeguarding lives at sea and advancing maritime security standards."

As per the ICG "SAREX-24 stands as a testament to India's burgeoning influence as a global leader in maritime security. The exercise highlights India's proactive stance in fostering stronger regional coordination for maritime safety."

This initiative demonstrates India's commitment to not only bolstering its own SAR capabilities but also contributing to global maritime safety standards. The event will showcase India's leadership in enhancing operational readiness and establishing stronger regional coordination in maritime safety, said the ICG.

The workshop will serve as a crucial platform for sharing best practices and strengthening ties with friendly nations. This increased engagement in international cooperation is pivotal for addressing the complexities of modern maritime challenges.

7 fishermen rescued from Pak maritime agency

An Indian Coast Guard (ICG) ship successfully rescued seven Indian fishermen on Nov 17, apprehended by a Pakistan Maritime Security Agency (PMSA) ship. "Despite efforts by the PMSA ship to retreat, the ICG ship intercepted the PMSA ship and persuaded them to relieve Indian fishermen," Coast Guard said. The ICG ship was able to retrieve the seven fishermen safely, it said, adding the fishermen were in stable medical condition."

PM bats for Global South at G20 meet

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

IN an address at a G20 session in Brazilian city Rio de Janeiro, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Monday that the countries of the Global South are most adversely impacted by the food, fuel and fertilizer crisis caused by global conflicts, and the G20 must focus on addressing it.

The PM said India's G20 theme of 'One Earth, One Family, One Future' is as relevant at the ongoing summit as it was last year. "I would like to say that countries of the Global South are most adversely impacted by the food, fuel and fertilizer crisis caused by global conflicts," he said, adding, "So our discussions can only be successful when we keep in mind the challenges and priorities of the Global South."

The PM's remarks came at the G20 session on 'Social Inclusion and the Fight Against Hunger and Poverty.'

"And just as we amplified the voice of the Global South by granting permanent membership of G20 to the African Union during the New Delhi summit, we will reform institutions of global governance," the Prime Minister said.

PM Narendra Modi with Brazil President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva on Monday | PTI

The prime minister said India supports Brazil's initiative for a "global alliance against hunger and poverty."

The PM said over 800 million people in India are given free food grains. "Over the last 10 years we have lifted 250 million people out of poverty, 550 million people are benefiting from the world's biggest health insurance scheme and 60 million senior citizens, over the age of 70, will also be able to benefit from free health insurance," said Modi.

India has focused on Inclusive development, women-led development, and youth power, said the PM. "Under the world's largest crop insurance scheme, over 40 million farmers have received benefits worth $20 billion. Under the farmers' scheme, assistance worth over $40 billion has been given to 110 million farmers, besides, institutional credit worth $300 billion is being given to farmers. India is not only ensuring food security but also focusing on nutrition," he said.

Modi congratulated Brazilian President Lula da Silva, saying the people-centric decisions taken at the G20 Summit in New Delhi has been taken forward under Brazil's presidency.

India is also contributing to global food security and has provided humanitarian assistance to Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe, recently.

"The main reason for our success is our approach: 'back to basics' and 'march to the future'. We have focused not only on natural farming and organic farming but also on new technologies and also on sustainable agriculture, protection of the environment, nutrition and food security by promoting Sri Ann or millets," said PM Modi adding that India has developed over, 2,000 climate resilient crop varieties and has started the 'Digital Agriculture Mission.'

The Prime Minister briefly interacted with US President Joe Biden on the sidelines of the G20 summit in their first exchanges following the American presidential election.

It is not immediately known what transpired between Modi and Biden.

"With @POTUS Joe Biden at the G20 Summit in Rio de Janeiro. Always a delight to meet him," Modi posted on 'X' with a photo of the interaction.

In the photo, Modi and Biden were seen holding each other's hands, engaged in discussion.

Centre mulls new legislation to deal with office of profit, draft prepared

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

THE Centre appears to be moving towards revoking a 65-year-old law that lays the ground for the disqualification of MPs for holding office of profit and introducing a new one in sync with current requirements.

According to sources, the Union law ministry has formulated a draft 'Parliament (Prevention of Disqualification) Bill, 2024' based on the recommendations made by the Joint Committee on Offices of Profit headed by Kalraj Mishra in the 16th Lok Sabha.

In the past, the office of profit law has run into controversies involving a conflict of interest for MPs and MLAs. A prominent case is the resignation of Sonia Gandhi as Congress MP and chairperson of the National Advisory Council (NAC) under the office-of-profit row in 2006. She was accused of violating the office of profit rules by being an MP and chairperson of NAC, which was accorded a cabinet rank. In 2022, the Election Commission recommended to the Jharkhand Governor disqualification of CM Hemant Soren as an MLA as he was allegedly holding a mining licence.

However, the proposed Bill seeks to rationalise Section 3 of the existing Parliament (Prevention of Disqualification) Act, 1959 and remove the negative list of offices provided in the schedule containing offices, the holders of which would invite disqualification.

The committee noted that "there were number of posts bearing the same name with same duties. But while some boards/corporations/bodies like fisheries boards and Haj committees have been given exemptions in some states, while similar bodies have not been exempted in other states."

Another recommendation says members nominated to flagship schemes, such as Swachh Bharat Mission, Smart City Mission, Deen Dayal Upadhyay-Grameen Kaushalya Yojana, and other programmes should be "saved from incurring disqualification".

The committee also proposes to remove the conflict between the existing Act and certain other statutes, which have an express provision for not to incur disqualification. The draft Bill also proposes to omit Section 4 of the existing law relating to "temporary suspension" of disqualification in certain cases, and in its place empower the Centre to amend the schedule by issuing a notification.

Seeking views of the public on the draft Bill, the ministry says the Parliament (Prevention of Disqualification) Act, 1959 was enacted to declare that certain offices of profit under the government will not disqualify the holders for being an MP. However, the Act contains both aspects of enumerating the offices, the holder of which would not invite disqualification, and those offices the holders of which would face disqualification.

Controversies in the past

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Looking forward to early FTA with India: UK minister for Indo-Pacific

MAYANK SINGH & YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

BRITISH Minister for the Indo-Pacific Catherine West, who is on a two-day visit to India, has said Britain would further strengthen its bilateral ties with India and was looking at an early conclusion of the Free Trade Agreement (FTA).

Climate, technology, health, education and development are on the agenda as West meets senior Indian ministers and officials. "I am delighted to be visiting India for the first time as a minister for the Indo-Pacific. As one of the fastest growing economies in the world, India is a vital partner. My visit reaffirms the UK's commitment to fostering deeper cooperation with India and to driving forward greater growth and prosperity for both our nations," West said.

The British High Commission in Delhi said: "Building upon the ambitions for the UK-India relationship set out by the foreign secretary in his visit in July, West will continue to unlock the full potential of the UK-India partnership."

During an education roundtable at the British Council, the Minister will learn more about the unique "living bridge" between the UK and India, representing the 1.7 million people in the UK with Indian heritage. She will also visit Jama Masjid in Delhi.

In a major move, India and the UK came out with a 10-year roadmap in May 2021 to strengthen the bilateral ties.

West's visit follows a two-day visit to Bangladesh, where she reaffirmed UK's support for the interim government's work to build a more prosperous and democratic future for the country.

The India-UK military ties are on an upswing with the UK's Littoral Response Group exercising with the Indian Navy in April this year. Also, the UK's Carrier Strike Group will be visiting India in 2025 for joint training.

On agenda

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SC puts on hold order on Rajoana's mercy plea

SUCHITRA K MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Monday put on hold its order directing President Droupadi Murmu's secretary to place before her the mercy petition of death row convict Balwant Singh Rajoana, convicted in the 1995 assassination case of then Punjab chief minister Beant Singh, for consideration.

After the order was passed, Solicitor General (SG) Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, argued that it should not be given effect as there are "sensitivities" involved and that it be heard on November 22.

Earlier in the morning, before the SG's request, the court asked the President's office to decide within two weeks Rajoana's plea, else it would have to take a decision on his interim prayers. "In case no decision is taken by the next date, we will consider the prayers made for interim relief. List the case next on December 5, 2024 at 10:30 am," a bench led by Justice B R Gavai said.

Former Attorney General (AG) of India and senior Supreme Court lawyer, Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for Rajoana, apprised the court that no reply from the Centre has been filed yet. The state of Punjab also informed that the union is yet to respond to the plea.

Seeking leniency, Rohatgi said 28-29 years have passed. "My petition was of 2012. This person has not seen light of the day. Let state record that it had no objection then," he said.

Rohatgi further argued that the Centre said that it was not the right time to decide this. But then, when he would be released, after his life is over? This is not a case of national security.

Justice Gavai wondered as to why the Union was not present when the argument took place, saying that this was a special bench constituted for this case.

ALSO IN TOP COURT

Plea for inquiry into Netaji death binned

A two-judge bench comprising Justices Surya Kant and Ujjal Bhuyan on Monday rejected a petition seeking an inquiry into the death of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. Dismissing the public interest litigation, the bench said the top court is not a remedy for everything. "It is not the court's job to run the government," it said.

'Strange': Court on panchayat election

A bench comprising CJI Sanjiv Khanna and Justice Sanjay Kumar on Monday termed as "very strange" the fact that 3,000 out of 13,000 panchayat office-bearers were elected unopposed in the recently held polls in Punjab. It permitted the aggrieved candidates to file election petitions before the election tribunal.

Last chance for Bihar to reply on bridge collapses

SUCHITRA K MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Monday granted the last opportunity to the Bihar government to file its response to a PIL raising concerns about the safety and longevity of bridges in the state after several of them collapsed in recent months.

A bench of CJI Sanjiv Khanna and Justice Sanjay Kumar also sought the response of the National Highway Authority of India on the PIL filed by lawyer Brajesh Singh. It considered the fact that the notices were issued to various authorities on the PIL on July 29 this year.

In July, the top court had sought a detailed response from the state, NHAI on the plea seeking direction to the state govt and other appropriate authorities to conduct highest level of structural audit of all the existing bridges in the state.

RAPE CHARGE

Deepu Gordhanbhai Prajapati, a BJP councillor from Anand municipality in Gujarat, is on the run after being accused of raping a married woman. Authorities interrogated his associates, some of whom has allegedly assaulted the victim's family.

3.3L INDIANS ARE STUDYING IN THE US, AS PER OPEN DOORS REPORT

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	31	18	Mumbai	35	22
Bhopal	29	12	Panaji	32	24
Jaipur	27	12	Patna	30	15
Amritsar	24	8	Lucknow	28	12
Chennai	30	24	Port Blair	31	27
Kolkata	30	18	Imphal	26	10
Srinagar	15	-3	Chandigarh	24	8

BJP chief JP Nadda and Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde with other leaders at an election rally in Navi Mumbai on Monday | PTI

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge during an election rally at Vasai in Maharashtra's Palghar on Monday | PTI

Shinde, Soren prestige at stake as campaigning ends

Shrill slogans, sharp barbs echo in run-up to polls; MahaYuti, MVA locked in Maha battle, while JMM fights with BJP to retain J'khand power

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI & MUKESH RANJAN @Mumbai/Ranchi

CAMPAIGNING for the Maharashtra and Jharkhand assembly polls ended on Monday, with the ruling BJP-led Mahayuti alliance vying to retain power and the JMM-headed INDIA bloc making a spirited attempt to keep the opposition BJP and its allies away. Maharashtra Assembly has 288 members and Jharkhand House 81.

The polling is due in both states on November 20 with Jharkhand voting in the second round after November 13. Votes will be counted on November 23.

In Maharashtra, the campaign saw prominent leaders like Narendra Modi, Amit Shah, Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, and many Union ministers crisscrossing the state to garner votes for their candidates.

The ruling MahaYuti, comprising the BJP, Shiv Sena led by Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, and the Nationalist Congress Party led by Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar, is banking on its popular schemes like Majhi Ladki Bahin for women helping it retain power.

The BJP's slogans 'Batenge toh katenge' (divided we fall) and 'Ek hai toh safe hai' (unity ensures safety) have prompted the opposition parties to accuse the MahaYuti of polarising voters along religious lines.

Not all the BJP allies supported these slogans. Ajit Pawar, distanced himself from them. Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis attempted to clarify the meaning of the slogans, leading to confusion within the ruling alliance. The MVA alliance countered the ruling combine's rhetoric by focusing on caste-based census and protecting the Constitution.

The BJP is contesting the November 20 elections in 149 seats in Maharashtra, Shiv Sena 81 seats, and the Ajit Pawar-led NCP 59. The Congress has fielded 101 candidates, Shiv Sena (UBT) 95, and NCP (SP) 86.

In Jharkhand's second phase of polling, the prestige of CM Hemant Soren, his brother Basant Soren, sister in-law Sita Soren, Assembly speaker Rabindra Nath Mahto, and three ministers, are at stake. The polling will take place at 14,218 booths for 38 seats in the state.

During the second phase, polling for the 18 seats of the Santhal Pargana division falling in six districts of Jharkhand, is also being held along with the others.

Santhal Pargana is considered the key to power. Out of the total 18 seats in Santhal Pargana, seven are reserved for Scheduled Tribes, one seat for SC, and 10 seats are general.

Some of the high-stake constituencies include: Barhait where Soren is challenged by BJP's Gamaliel Hembrom. Soren won this seat for the first time in 2014 and then in 2019.

In Borio constituency, JMM won in 2009 and 2019 while the BJP won it in 2005 and 2014, The Jamtara constituency is said to be a Congress stronghold. Rebel JMM MLA Sita Soren is contesting the seat on a BJP ticket.

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Anil Deshmukh hurt as stones thrown at his car

Former Maharashtra home minister and NCP (SP) leader Anil Deshmukh was seriously injured after stones were hurled at his car in Nagpur district on Monday night while he was returnig to Katol after attending a meeting in Narkhed. He was rushed to Katol Civil Hospital.

HIGH STAKES

Rahul takes jibe at Modi's 'Ek hai to safe hai' remarks

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI & MUKESH RANJAN @Mumbai/Ranchi

CONGRESS leader Rahul Gandhi on Monday took a jibe at Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Ek hai toh safe hai' slogan, claiming that the slogan is for protection of his industrialist friends. He claimed a link between the slogan and the Dharavi redevelopment project being given to the Adani Group.

At his news conference in Mumbai, Gandhi pulled out two posters from a metal safe, one featuring a picture of industrialist Gautam Adani and PM Modi with the caption 'Ek hai toh Safe hai', and another showing a map of the Dharavi project. He sought to draw a parallel between the word 'safe' in the slogan and the tendering process in the project, suggesting it was designed to protect Adani's interests.

"The slogan primarily serves to help Adani acquire ₹1 lakh crore worth land through the Dharavi project. They (MahaYuti) want to come back to the government in Maharashtra to protect Adani and give him projects," Rahul alleged. "Modi is taking away big projects from Maharashtra to Gujarat while Adani is getting all major projects in Mumbai and Maharashtra. People have to choose between two people — one is working for common men and farmers while other is backed by industrialists and will work for them after the polls," he said.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi addresses media in Mumbai on Monday | PTI

Gandhi said, "This election is a fight between two ideologies — one is protecting the Constitution and wants to run a government of the poor, the other wants to end Ambedkar ji's Constitution. Maharashtra's DNA is Congress. Its progressive and secular mind should not be hurt in this election."

Gandhi again mocked the slogan at another news conference in Ranchi by claiming that it translated into the "unity" between Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah and billionaires like Ambani. "I will explain the real meaning of BJP's slogan. It is if Modi, Shah and Ambani are 'ek' (united), then they are 'safe'," he said.

Maha development plan took a hit under MVA: MahaYuti

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

CHIEF minister Eknath Shinde on Monday slammed Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for his statements on the Dharavi redevelopment project and accused the previous MVA government led by Uddhav Thackeray of hindering the progress of Maharashtra.

"Rahul Gandhi in his press conference gave misinformation about Dharavi redevelopment project. Dharavi land has been given to DRP and not to Gautam Adani. When Uddhav Thackeray was the CM, only 60,000 people of Dharavi were eligible to get pakka houses and commercial shops in redevelopment project, but we amended the law to give houses to two lakh Dharavikars," Shinde said.

He asked why the MVA government cancelled the tender for Dharavi project after issuing it. "When the MVA was in power, they held meeting with Adani for this redevelopment project, but now it is opposing the perject. Where did the deal fizzle out? People should know about it," he said.

"Residents of Dharavi are staying in very bad condition, they urgently need to be given good and bigger houses. We have to uplift their living condition, but not to force them to stay in the same place. Why MVA is protesting against Dharavi project?" the CM asked. "Dharavi project is a world-class project and it has been also given special status as well. They (MVA) did not get money, hence they are opposing the project," he alleged.

Shinde claimed that the Thackeray-led MVA government blocked development projects worth over ₹8. 89 lakh crore, but Mahayuti removed the bottlenecks and put the state on the path of development again.

The MahaYuti CM said, "MVA in its two and a half years of rule stopped the Mumbai- Ahmedabad bullet train project, Jaitapur nuclear power plant, Barsu refinery, Gadharan port, Dharavi redevelopment, Gargai dam, and Mumbai Central public park. As a result, Maharashtra lost the 1.4 lakh jobs these projects would have generated. Besides, the cost of the projects got escalated and the burden will borne by honest tax payers."

On the farmers issue raised by the Opposition, Shinde said the Centre has given permission to start soybean procurement to ensure government rates to the farmers. The Cotton Corporation of India will purchase medium-thread cotton at ₹7,121 per quintal and long-thread cotton at ₹7,521.

The chief minister Eknath Shinde mocked Rahul Gandhi for bringing a safe to a press conference and said the he would have found something valuable if it was brought from Matoshree (Bandra residence of Uddhav Thackeray).

SAD urges Sukhbir to reconsider resignation

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

THE working committee of Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) on Monday decided to keep its decision on the resignation by president Sukhbir Singh Badal pending as there was no consensus. The working committee said that it would discuss the matter with Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) members and district-level SAD leaders before taking a decision.

After a three-hour meeting, party's working president Balwinder Singh Bhunder said, "The working committee decided to take opinions from party's district presidents, all members of the SGPC about the resignation submitted by Sukhbir Singh Badal, before taking a final call."

"During the meeting, the members praised Badal and conveyed that the party needed his services at this crucial juncture. This is why they stood up collectively in one voice and asserted that they would also tender their resignations in case the president did not withdraw the same," he said.

Daljit Singh Cheema, SAD vice-president, echoed similar sentiment. In the morning, Youth Akali Dal president Sarabjeet Singh Jinjher and party treasurer N K Sharma said that they would quit if Badal's resignation was accepted.

The committee unanimously appealed to Badal to reconsider his decision to resign. The committee, while expressing confidence in Badal leadership, said that he should continue to lead SAD as its president. The committee said that a conspiracy was hatched against SAD to render the party leaderless.

On Saturday, Badal had submitted his resignation.

FIR against 15 students over ragging death of junior at Patan med college

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

AN FIR has been filed against 15 students of GMERS Medical College and Hospital in Patan, Gujarat, for their alleged involvement in the death of an 18-year-old student who was a victim of ragging. College officials confirmed on Monday that all the 15 students have been suspended.

The incident took place on the night of November 16, when Anil Bhai Natwar Bhai Methania, a first-year student at Dharpur Medical College, collapsed after enduring a brutal three-hour ragging by his seniors. Despite his friends' efforts, he lost consciousness and was declared dead by doctors.

Anil, who had joined the college just a month ago, was reportedly called around 8.30 pm for "introduction".

According to the FIR, the second-year students have been accused of subjecting junior students, which included the victim, to over three hours of "mental and physical torture" in a hostel room on Saturday night. The accused have been booked for culpable homicide not amounting to murder, along with other charges.

Dharmendra Bhai Methania, a family member of the deceased, told the local media, "On Sunday, we received a call from the college informing us that our son had fainted and been admitted to the hospital. When we arrived, the doctors told us that he had already passed away."

Local sources said that the senior students reportedly pressured the now-deceased boy to dance, and when he refused, they threatened him. Some students claimed that seniors would assign their own work to juniors.

A WhatsApp group chat has surfaced, suggesting that students were called based on their city and area for ragging. The messages exchanged in the group have since been deleted, raising suspicions that other students may have also fallen victim to the same abuse.

Dean Hardik Shah of Dharpur Medical College stated, "As per the investigation report, senior students had called the juniors for introduction. No fight was reported. The incident occurred on Saturday night, and despite best efforts, the boy could not be saved."

Based on a complaint by the college's additional dean Dr Anil Bhathija, an FIR was lodged against 15 students under Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

3-hr brutal torture on Nov 16 night

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Will L-G go by govt word on 5 nominated members?

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

A month after Omar Abdullah-led government assumed office in J&K, Lieutenant-Governor Manoj Sinha is yet to nominate five members to the Assembly. The big question is whether the L-G will nominate five members on his own or go by the advice of the government.

As per the J&K Reorganisation Act 2019, the L-G can nominate five members to the Assembly, including two women, two from migrant KPs, one of whom has to be a woman, and a member from displaced persons from PoK. After nomination of five members, the Assembly strength will rise to 95. The five nominated members will have the voting rights.

Legal experts have divergent views on whether the L-G has discretion to nominate five members without consulting the government. Some say the L-G can nominate members on his own, while others opine he has to go by opinion of the elected government.

A National Conference leader said the L-G is likely to listen to the government. "He (Lt-Governor) should go by the names recommended by the cabinet. It is the elected government's right to choose members for unrepresented communities to the House. The L-G does not have the constitutional right to take such decisions in presence of an elected government," he said.

However, J&K BJP chief spokesman and lawyer Sunil Sethi said the L-G does not need recommendation of the J&K government in nominating five members to the Assembly.

"It is the power that is vested with the L-G only and the administration does not have any say in it," Sethi said.

MUMBAI DIARY

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25K kg of mutton curry, booze during campaign

The Maharashtra state assembly election could turn out to be one of the most expensive polls in history, with prominent political party candidates ensuring a steady supply of food and beverages. Freebies are a regular feature not only for party workers but also for voters, who have access to generous servings of mutton curry and liquor. According to a candidate from the ruling party, over the last 20 days, a staggering 25,000 kg of cooked mutton has been served to the public. With the price of meat ranging between ₹800 and ₹900 per kg, the total food expenses have reached between ₹2.5 crore and ₹3 crore.

Priyanka's absence a dampener in Cong rallies

The excitement surrounding Priyanka Gandhi's participation in the Maharashtra poll rallies has given way to disappointment after she expressed her inability to attend. State Congress leaders were eager for Priyanka's rallies and a roadshow. However, her busy schedule in Wayanad prevented it. The leaders hoped that once the Wayanad election concluded, she would immediately start campaigning for them in the state. They scheduled her rallies accordingly only to be informed later that she wanted to rest for at least two days before resuming her campaigning.

Costly star campaigners a deterrent for local BJP?

Against the backdrop of party's soaring expenses, the BJP candidates were hesitant to organise rallies of senior leaders, such as party national president JP Nadda. They believed that bringing in leaders from outside the state would not only increase costs but also disrupt the local social and political dynamics, making it impractical. They then made a conscious decision to limit the invitation of external leaders to their seats. However, later on, they realised that not hosting rallies with the party's national president would reflect poorly on them. So BJP candidates insisted on arranging for Nadda's rallies, disregarding the potential outcomes.

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GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • LS: Light Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	10	0	SNY	Los Angeles	22	7	SNY
Colombo	31	25	LR	Melbourne	18	11	LC
Dhaka	30	19	SNY	Moscow	4	1	LR
Dubai	30	24	SNY	New York	14	9	SNY
Houston	28	14	SNY	Singapore	28	25	LR
Istanbul	15	9	SNY	Toronto	8	8	SNY
London	5	2	LR	Washington	9	6	LR

Ominous warnings from Russia over Biden's signal

Kremlin warns that using long-range missiles will raise the stakes

KYIV

PRESIDENT Joe Biden's decision to let Ukraine strike targets inside Russia with US-supplied long-range missiles was met with ominous warnings from Moscow, a hint of menace from Kyiv and nods of approval from some Western allies.

Biden's shift in policy added an uncertain and potentially crucial new factor to the war on the eve of its 1,000-day milestone. News of Biden's change came on the day a Russian ballistic missile with cluster munitions struck a residential area of Sumy, a city in northern Ukraine, killing 11 people, including two children, and injuring 84 others.

On Monday, another Russian missile attack started fires in two apartment blocks in Odesa, in southern Ukraine. At least eight people were killed and many more were injured, Ukrainian lawmaker Oleksii Honcharenko said in a video he posted on Telegram from the site of the attack.

Washington is easing limits on what Ukraine can strike with US-made weaponry, US officials said, after months of ruling out such a move over fears of escalating the conflict and bringing about a direct confrontation between Russia and NATO.

The scope of the new firing guidelines isn't clear. But the change came after the US, South Korea and NATO said recently that North Korean troops are in Russia and apparently are being deployed to help the Russian army drive Ukrainian troops out of Russia's Kursk border region.

Burnt-out cars in the courtyard of a residential building following a missile attack in Odesa, Ukraine, on Monday | AFP

Russia is also slowly pushing Ukraine's outnumbered army backward in the eastern Donetsk region. It has also conducted a devastating and deadly aerial campaign against civilian areas in Ukraine.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov on Monday referred journalists to a statement made by Russian President Vladimir Putin in September, in which he said allowing Ukraine to target Russia would significantly raise the stakes in the conflict.

It would change 'the very nature of the conflict dramatically,' Putin said at the time. 'This will mean that NATO countries – the United States and European countries – are at war with Russia.'

Peskov claimed that Western countries supplying long-range weapons also provide targeting services to Kyiv. "This fundamentally changes the modality of their involvement in the conflict," Peskov said.

Last June, Putin warned that Russia could provide long-range weapons to others to strike Western targets in response to NATO allies allowing Ukraine to use their arms to attack Russian territory. He also reaffirmed Moscow's readiness to use nuclear weapons if it sees a threat to its sovereignty.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy gave a muted response to the approval that he and his government have been requesting of Biden for more than a year.

"Today, much is being said in the media about us receiving permission for the relevant actions," Zelenskyy said in his address on Sunday.

"But strikes are not made with words. Such things are not announced. The missiles will speak for themselves," Zelenskyy added. *AP*

INDIA'S 6-YEAR CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

S V KRISHNA CHAITANYA

EXPRESS IN BAKU

INDIA laid out its climate action priorities for the next six years during the high-level ministerial roundtable on pre-2030 ambition at COP29, while stressing on the need for "mutual trust" among nations.

Leena Nandan, Secretary of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Deputy Leader of the Indian Delegation, said the trust is critical for achieving climate goals and depends on enhanced financial resources, technology transfer, capacity-building, and market-based mechanisms.

Referring to the 2024 Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) Synthesis Report, Nandan noted that while the situation is serious, it is not without hope. "The cumulative CO2 emissions in the period 2020 to 2030 are likely to use up 86% of the remaining carbon budget. Therefore, our discussions and deliberations are happening at a crucial time to act decisively," she said.

She added that 195 parties have submitted their NDCs, with 180 updating them. "In 2030, total global GHG emissions are estimated to be around 2.6% lower than in 2019, indicating the possibility of global emissions peaking before 2030. It will be safe to assume that all parties have come together to achieve this important milestone in the fight against climate change," she said.

Nandan said achieving this peaking depends on implementing the conditional elements of the NDCs, which requires access to financial resources, technology transfer, and capacity-building support. "We are in this crucial COP on finance. It is an opportunity for the developed countries to ensure the success of this COP and foster trust to realise important milestones in climate ambitions by 2030," she stated.

India's intervention comes amid mounting tensions between developing nations and developed countries urging economy-wide mitigation targets.

COP29 president's SOS call to G20 Summit

The COP29 presidency has sounded hopeless and openly exhibited its inability to create the deadlock on New Collective Quantified Goal on climate finance with countries refusing to budge down from their positions. COP29 President Mukhtar Babayev urged the G20 leaders for a bail out

EU softens stand on contributor base issue

BAKU

IN a potential turning point for COP29 negotiations, the European Union (EU) on Monday signaled a softened approach to the contentious contributor base issue, which has hindered progress in climate talks. EU Climate Action Commissioner Worke Hoekstra offered a pragmatic solution — voluntary contributions — to bridge the divide between traditional categorisations of developed and developing nations.

"A range of countries have made tremendous economic progress in the last couple of decades, and it is an amazing achievement," Hoekstra remarked during a press briefing. "With affluence and economic growth comes the responsibility to share the burden, as climate change is a global issue. However, I recognise that transitioning from one category to another can be challenging for nations."

The EU proposed that affluent nations within the developing category, some of which rival the economic strength of EU member states, could make voluntary contributions without officially changing their classification. "This approach is about solving one of the largest problems humanity faces, not adhering to rigid dogmas," he added.

The EU's shift comes at a critical juncture in the negotiations, where developing nations have called for more ambitious commitments from developed countries to meet climate finance targets. Meanwhile, developed countries are seeking broader participation from wealthier developing nations to share the burden of addressing climate change.

While the EU reaffirmed its commitment to climate leadership, Hoekstra said: "In the end, this is not about categorisation but about rallying as many countries as possible to contribute more to combat this crisis," he said. The proposal for voluntary contributions offers a potential landing ground, but its success depends on how it is received by developing nations.

Lanka prez appoints 21-member cabinet

COLOMBO

Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayaka on Monday appointed a 21-member Cabinet in the new NPP government, keeping with his pre-election promise to streamline the governance system and ease the burden on taxpayers.

The National People's Power (NPP) has been advocating a smaller government to reduce costs for the public. Since the NPP won the presidential election in September, the government functioned with just 3 ministers, including the President.

As per the island nation's Constitution, there is a provision for appointing a 30-member Cabinet.

Dissanayaka retained the finance and defence portfolios, while appointing 12 new parliament members to key positions and entrusting eight veteran members, who have served since 2000, with significant responsibilities.

Newly appointed cabinet ministers pose for a group photo after the swearing-in ceremony on Monday in Colombo | AFP

Among the fresh faces in the Cabinet are five academic professors. Prime Minister Harini Amarasuriya who holds the education portfolio and Saroja Savithri Paulraj who has the women's and child affairs portfolio are the two women members in the Cabinet. Paulraj, a minority Tamil from the Sinhala majority south, was involved in the party's long struggle.

A significant feature of the swearing-in ceremony was the fisheries minister Ramalingam Chandrasekaran, who took his oath in Tamil, highlighting the representation of the minority community in the new government. The new parliament will convene on Thursday.

The NPP led by Dissanayake swept the parliamentary elections held on Thursday by winning a two-thirds majority. It also dominated the Jaffna district - the heartland of the nation's Tamil minority. *PTI*

Trump names Brendan Carr as broadcasting regulator chair

WEST PALM BEACH

PRESIDENT-elect Donald Trump on Sunday named Brendan Carr, the senior Republican on the Federal Communications Commission, as the new chairman of the agency tasked with regulating broadcasting, telecommunications and broadband.

Carr is a longtime member of the commission and served previously as the FCC's general counsel. He has been unanimously confirmed by the Senate three times and was nominated by both Trump and President Joe Biden to the commission.

The FCC is an independent agency that is overseen by Congress but Trump has suggested he wanted to bring it under tighter White House control, in part to use the agency to punish TV networks that cover him in a way he doesn't like.

Brendan Carr

Carr has of late embraced Trump's ideas about social media and tech. Carr wrote a section devoted to the FCC in "Project 2025", a sweeping blueprint for gutting the federal workforce and dismantling federal agencies in a second Trump administration produced by the conservative Heritage Foundation.

Trump has claimed he doesn't know anything about Project 2025 but many of its themes have aligned with his statements.

Carr said in a statement congratulating Trump on his win that he believed "the FCC will have an important role to play reining in Big Tech, ensuring that broadcasters operate in the public interest, and unleashing economic growth".

The five-person commission has a 3-2 Democratic majority until next year, when Trump gets to appoint a new member. *AP*

Damaged component of Iran N-progam: Bibi

JERUSALEM

ISRAELI Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Monday said that Israel's late October attack on Iran damaged "a component" of the Islamic Republic's nuclear programme.

"It has been published that a certain component of their nuclear programme was hit in this attack", Netanyahu told the Israeli parliament, adding that "the programme itself and its ability to operate here have not yet been thwarted."

Israel will continue to operate militarily against the Iran-backed Lebanese armed movement Hezbollah even if a ceasefire deal is reached in Lebanon, he added.

"The most important thing is not (the deal that) will be laid on paper... We will be forced to ensure our security in the north (of Israel) and to systematically carry out operations against Hezbollah's attacks... even after a ceasefire", to keep the group from rebuilding its forces, he added.

The Lebanese government has largely endorsed US truce proposal to end the Israel-Hezbollah war and was preparing final comments before sending a response to Washington, a Lebanese official said.

France and Washington have spearheaded ceasefire efforts, with Lebanese officials on Friday saying the government was reviewing a US truce proposal in the Israel-Hezbollah conflict. On Monday, one government official who has been following the talks closely said that "we have made a lot of progress. Lebanon has a very positive view on this proposal."

"We are finalising our last remarks about the US wording of the draft," the official added.

Another government official said Beirut was "waiting for US special envoy Amos Hochstein to arrive so we can review certain outstanding points with him". Hochstein was expected in Beirut this week.

The official said the proposal comprised "13 points spanning five pages". If an agreement is reached, there will be a 60-day truce during which Lebanon will redeploy troops. *AFP*

ASIA MATTERS

MALAYSIA

QR CODES TO BE USED IN JOHOR CHECKPOINTS

A trial allowing Malaysians travelling by bus or motorcycles to clear the Singapore-Johor border with QR codes instead of passports will be extended to other forms of transportation at the Causeway in 2025, *The Straits Times* said. The trial is slated to last from June 1 to Nov 30 at the Johor Bahru checkpoints at the Sultan Iskandar Building and Sultan Abu Bakar Complex, which are linked to Singapore. The QR code system has highly effectively eased border traffic congestion during peak hours, Malaysian Home Minister Saifuddin Nasution Ismail said.

INDONESIA

MAJOR INFRA PROJECTS HALTED

Indonesia has temporarily frozen all infrastructure budgets for government construction projects, following directives from President Prabowo Subianto, *Jakarta Globe* reported. The freeze impacts major infrastructure projects, such as dams and bridges. The budget will be redirected to food, energy, and water security—Prabowo's key priorities.

THAILAND

FREE LUNCH TO BE GIVEN IN RURAL SCHOOLS

The education ministry has given assurances that students will receive proper meals under next year's free lunch programme, *Bangkok Post* reported. Education Minister Permpoon Chidchob said next year's programme focuses on underprivileged children in rural areas, he said. He also said that a ministry survey has found that many students at lower secondary school levels still lack proper nutrition and thus face health risks that could impede their development. He said that the ministry will work to ensure the 2.9 billion baht budget is used to fund free school lunches.

EXPRESS READ

S'pore tycoon given 18 yrs jail for cheating

Singapore: The founder of a failed Singapore oil trading company was sentenced on Monday to nearly 18 years in jail for cheating banking giant HSBC out of millions of dollars. Lim Oon Kuin, 82, was convicted in May in a case that dented the city-state's reputation as a top Asian oil trading hub. His firm, Hin Leong Trading, was among Asia's biggest oil trading companies before its sudden and dramatic collapse in 2020. Sentencing him to 17 and a half years in jail, State Courts judge Toh Han Li said he agreed with the prosecution that the offences had the potential to undermine confidence in Singapore's oil trading industry.

War tribunal to hear updates on steps taken to arrest Hasina

DHAKA

A special tribunal in Bangladesh will hear updates from police on Monday about what the country's security agencies have done to arrest ousted former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her close aides who face charges over hundreds of deaths in a mass uprising this summer.

The Dhaka-based International Crimes Tribunal on Oct 17 issued arrest warrants for Hasina and 45 others including former Cabinet ministers, advisors and military and civil officials. The country is now being run by an interim government headed by Nobel Peace laureate Muhammad Yunus.

At least 14 people, including a former law minister and a businessman who was Hasina's private-sector advisor, will appear before the tribunal, according to B M Sultan Mahmud, a prosecutor at the tribunal. Another six people will appear on Wednesday, tribunal officials said.

Dipu Moni

Anisul Huq

At least 20 suspects have been arrested in the case. The tribunal will also seek updates from police on their progress in arresting the other suspects, including Hasina.

The chief prosecutor of the tribunal has already sought help from Interpol through the country's police chief to arrest Hasina. On Sunday, Yunus said in an address to the nation that his administration would seek Hasina's extradition from India.

Authorities say hundreds of people were killed during the uprising in July and August mainly by security agents seeking to quell the initial protests over government jobs.

The violence intensified as the protests morphed into an anti-government movement with more bloodshed, ending Hasina's 15-year rule. Hasina had also earlier sought an investigation into the killings.

Hasina has been living in exile in India since Aug 5 when she fled the country. *AP*

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Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
241.30 ▼	Sensex	77,339.01	₹660 ▲	24 carat (10 gm)	₹76,460	1 kg	₹89,500		Dollar	84.38
78.90 ▼	Nifty	23,453.80	₹600 ▲	22 carat (10 gm)	₹70,100	10 gm	₹895		Euro	89.05

I-T Act overhaul likely in Budget

Review aims to simplify existing tax framework, which currently comprises 71 TDS sections

MONIKA YADAV @ New Delhi

IN a major move anticipated during her budget speech on February 1, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman is expected to announce a comprehensive review of the Income Tax Act. Sources indicate that this review aims to simplify the existing tax framework, which currently comprises a staggering 71 TDS sections.

Announcing the last budget this year, she had said, "I am announcing the comprehensive review of Income Tax Act, 1961. The purpose is to make the act concise, lucid, easy to read and understand. This will reduce disputes and litigation, thereby providing tax certainty to the taxpayers. It will also bring down the demand embroiled in litigation. It is proposed to be completed in six months."

As part of this overhaul, the minister may propose measures to consolidate and simplify TDS regulations, making compliance easier for taxpayers. "TDS/TCS have almost become a parallel Income Tax Regime over years. As of now there are 71 Sections under TDS as follows from Section 190 to Section 206CCA covering Provision for TDS/TCS Direct Payment, deductions and Procedures. Instead of these 71 Sections, there can be a single comprehensive Schedule of Rates of TDS (just Like the Customs Tariff Act) with Schedule Notes. These will wipe out 71 sections with 1 Schedule and would be the first major step to simplification and reduction of litigation," said Vivek Jalan, partner with Tax Connect Advisory.

"Further age-old processes like issuance of TDS Certificates, which have become redundant with the introduction of Form 26AS, should be scrapped to cut compliance burden of deductors," Jalan added.

As per sources, discussions are underway regarding the merger of penalty provisions, currently spread across 45 sections. This consolidation is seen as essential by experts to reduce confusion and litigation. Experts suggest these can be merged into two or three sections. In addition to these reforms, the government is considering phasing out old income tax regime. As part of this review, there are discussions about eliminating Chapter VI A deductions, which have been a longstanding aspect of the tax structure, say sources. These deductions are seldom used after the new tax regime kicked in. Other deductions also need to be scrapped or the eligibility criteria need to be relaxed.

GST Council to meet on Dec 21 in Jaisalmer

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

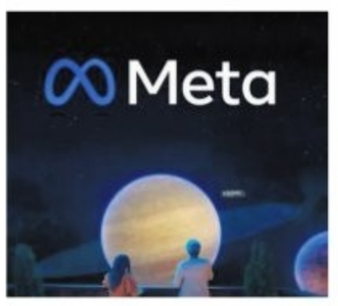
THE GST Council is scheduled to meet on December 21 in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan to make a critical decision regarding the potential exemption or reduction of the GST rate on health and life insurance premium.

Last month, the Group of Ministers (GoM) on health and life insurance convened and came to a general consensus to exempt GST on premiums for term life insurance policies as well as health insurance specifically for senior citizens.

The Council via a post on X said, "The 55th meeting of the GST Council will be held on December 21, 2024, at Jaisalmer, Rajasthan." Besides health and life insurance premium, it is likely to deliberate on rate rationalisation, with recommendations from a panel of state ministers suggesting tax rates on various essential items for the general public could be lowered from 12% to 5% bracket.

CCI levies ₹213 cr fine on WhatsApp parent co Meta

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi



THE anti-trust regulator, Competition Commission of India , on Monday imposed a penalty of ₹213 crore on US tech giant Meta, which owns and operates messaging app Whatsapp, for abuse of its dominant position. The punitive action by the CCI comes after Whatsapp forced users to mandatorily share data with other Meta companies such as Facebook.

The regulator has also directed WhatsApp to not share user data collected on its platform with other Meta Companies or Meta Company Products for advertising purposes, for a period of five years.

As per the anti-trust regulator order, Whatsapp in January 2021 notified users that they were required to accept the new terms of services and privacy policies, including expanded scope of data collection as well as mandatory data sharing with Meta companies, to continue using WhatsApp.

"Under the previous privacy policy dated 25 August 2016, WhatsApp users were given the option to decide whether they wanted to share their data with Facebook. However, with the latest policy update in 2021, WhatsApp made data sharing with Meta mandatory for all users, removing the earlier option to opt out. As a result, users had to accept the new terms, which include data sharing with Meta, in order to continue using the platform," the anti-trust regulator said in its order.

The anti-trust regulator found Whatsapp found to be dominant in the market for OTT (over-the-top) messaging apps through smartphones in India, and accordingly concluded that the 2021 policyupdate by WhatsApp on a 'take-it-or-leave-it' basis constitutes an imposition of unfair condition under the anti-trust Act, as it compels all users to accept expanded data collection terms and sharing of data within Meta Group without any opt out..

"Given the network effects and lack of effective alternatives, the 2021 Update forces users to comply, undermining their autonomy, and constitutes an abuse of Meta's dominant position," concluded the regulator.

On the issue of sharing of data between Meta companies, the Commission has concluded that sharing of WhatsApp users' data between Meta companies for purposes other than providing WhatsApp Service creates an entry barrier for the rivals of Meta and thus, results in denial of market access in the display advertising market.

JOB DATA

Unemployment rate falls to 6.4% in second qtr

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THE urban unemployment rate has come down to 6.4% in the July-September 2024 quarter compared to 6.6% in the previous quarter, according to the government. This is the lowest unemployment rate recorded in the recent past. In the year-ago period, the unemployment rate was 6.6%.

The latest data released by the Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation (Mospi) show urban unemployment among men has come down to 5.7%, while that among women has come down to 8.4% during the quarter. In the April-June quarter, urban unemployment rates among male and females were 5.8% and 9%, respectively.

Unemployment rate is defined as the percentage of persons unemployed among the persons in the labour force.

The labour force participation rate (LFPR) has also improved to 50.4% during the quarter against 50.1% in the previous quarter and 49.3% in the July-September quarter last year. The women's participation in the labour force remained steady at 25.5% in the July-September quarter against 25.2% in the previous quarter.

LFPR is defined as the percentage of persons in the labour force, that is, those working or seeking or available for work in the population. The worker population rate (WPR) in urban areas was 47.2% in July-September 2024 for persons of age 15 years in above. For male, it was 70.7% in July-September 2024, for females, it was 23.4% during this period.

'Split CPSE shares if trade above 50 times face value'

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

IN a major change in capital restructuring guidelines for non-bank public sector entities, the government has mandated listed Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) to consider splitting their shares if they trade above 150 times the face value for six months.

As per earlier rules, listed CPSEs had to consider a stock split if the stocks traded above 50 times the face value.

The new rules mandate PSUs to pay dividend at least 30% of net profit or 4% of the net worth, whichever is higher. As per the guidelines, a listed PSU, where market price exceeds 150 times of its face value consistently for last six months may consider split-off its shares. There should be a cooling off period of at least three years between two successive share splits.

As for rules regarding dividend payouts, the guidelines say CPSEs should strive to pay a higher dividend (than mandated 30%) taking into account relevant factors like profitability, capex requirements with due leveraging, cash reserves and net worth. The government has advised these companies to maintain a staggered dividend regime to avoid end-loading of annual payments.

"Payment of dividend at regular intervals helps revive investor interest and improve market sentiment for CPSE stocks, as regular dividend attracts investors to CPSE stocks and retain them in the hope of a future dividend," says the guidelines. The guidelines advise these companies to consider a buyback if their shares are priced less than book value consistently for the last six months and they have networth of ₹3,000 crore and company stocks and having networth of ₹3000 crore and cash & bank balance of over ₹1,500 crore may consider the option to buy-back their shares. The government wants CPSEs to consider bonus share issue when their defined reserves and surplus equal to or over 20 times of its paid-up equity share capital.

EXPRESS READ

Air passenger traffic hits record on Nov 17

New Delhi: Domestic air passenger traffic crossed the 5 lakh mark for first time in a single day on Sunday, reflecting strong travel demand amid festive and wedding seasons. Airlines carried 5,05,412 passengers on Sunday (Nov 17) and number of flight departures was at 3,173, as per govt data.

RBI Guv warns bankers against mis-selling

New Delhi: Stressing the importance of ethical conduct of banking for their long-term health and stability, the Reserve Bank governor Shaktikanta Das has warned bankers against misselling, opening of accounts without proper KYC verification/ documents and other unethical practices. *ENS*

Ritesh Agarwal to raise stake in OYO with ₹550 cr infusion

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

SOFTBank-backed Oyo's founder and chief executive officer Ritesh Agarwal is planning to increase his stake in the company with ₹550 crore infusion. He is slated to buy another $60 million worth of shares from the company at ₹42.60 per share, a 45% premium to his last purchase in August 2024.

The investment will value the company at about $3.8 billion. Agarwal had earlier also led the company's Series G round in the OYO with an investment of ₹830 crore.

According to the notice to shareholders, it has been mentioned that the investment will come from Redsprig Innovation Partners, which was floated by Agarwal. An extraordinary general meeting (EGM) will be held on December 9 to approve the fund raise.

OYO's last funding round of $175 million was led by Agarwal who bought $100 million worth shares.

The company also included participation from various family offices and private investors such as InCred Wealth, J&A Partners - the family office of Mankind Pharma promoters, ASK Financial Holdings and star investor Ashish Kacholia.

With the current two purchases, his shareholding will increase to 32% from 30% held earlier. The additional funding will help in financing the recent acquisition of United States based hospitality chain Motel 6 and Studio 6. Earlier in August, this newspaper reported that the company will go ahead with the initial public offer (IPO) only after a few more back-to-back quarters of profit, which the company feels is bound to happen.

The company reported a net profit of ₹158 crore in the second quarter of the current financial year (Q2 FY25), following a profit of ₹132 crore in the Q1FY25. In Q2 FY25, the company's revenue increased to ₹1,578 crore from ₹1,413 crore it reported in the first quarter.

The company is expected to cross ₹2,000 crore in EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization) in FY26. Earlier in this year OYO reported its first-ever profit after tax of ₹229 crore in FY24, according to the company's annual report. The company's Adjusted EBITDA grew by 215% to reach about ₹877 crore in FY24, up from ₹277 crore in FY23.

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City distributors may raise CNG prices after cut in gas allocation

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE city gas distributors (CGDs) could raise CNG prices following a 20% reduction in their gas allocation under the administered price mechanism (APM), opines industry expert.

Girish Kadam, senior vice-President & group head of corporate ratings at ICRA Limited, explained that the reduction in APM allocation will likely require city gas distributors to source more expensive HPHT gas or LNG, which will increase overall gas costs for the sector.

"In order to maintain contribution margins at existing levels compressed natural gas (CNG) prices would have to be increased by about ₹5-5.5/kg. The expected price rise may result in slower growth in the CNG vehicle registrations, which have been the key driver of CNG sales volume for the sector," said Kadam.

Under the APM, the government provides gas at a regulated price far lower than market rates. However, with the reduced allocation, city gas distributors will need to turn to the spot market, where prices are significantly higher. For example, spot liquefied natural gas (LNG) prices currently range between $11 and $12 per million metric british thermal unit (MMBtu), whereas APM gas is priced at nearly $6.5 per MMBtu.

The report of the reduction in APM allocation led to sharp declines in the stock prices of several major gas companies. Shares of Indraprastha Gas dropped by 18.66%, Mahanagar Gas fell 13.45%, Gujarat Gas declined by 6.36%, Adani Total Gas dropped 2.54%, and Gail (India) saw a dip of 1.40%.

Mahanagar Gas, one of the leading city gas distributor companies, confirmed that its profitability will be adversely affected by the 18% reduction in gas allocation, which took effect on November 16, 2024.

Similarly, Indraprastha Gas reported a 20% cut in its APM allocation, while Adani Total Gas faces a 13% reduction, all of which are expected to negatively impact their financial results.

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SBI mops up ₹10K crore from infra bond sale

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THE country's largest lender State Bank of India (SBI), has raised ₹10,000 crore from international investors who have subscribed to its seventh tranche of infra bonds at coupon of 7.23%.

The bank said Monday the issue has received a total number of 85 bids, indicating wider participation with heterogeneity of investors.

"The issue has attracted an overwhelming response from investors with bids in excess of Rs 11,500 crore and was oversubscribed in excess of two times as against the base issue size of ₹5,000 crore," said the bank in a statement.

Based on the overwhelming response, the bank has decided to accept ₹10,000 crore at a coupon rate of 7.23% payable annually for a tenor of 15 years. The instrument is rated AAA with stable outlook, it said. With this issuance, the bank has raised ₹30,000 crore in infra bonds this fiscal, taking long-term bonds outstanding to ₹59,718 crore.

The bank's infrastructure loans makes up 12.23 percent of its total domestic advances, and as of March 2024, its total outstanding loans to the infrastructure sector stood ₹3,94,681 crore.

Cost-cutting measures: Amazon to move office to near Bengaluru airport

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AMAZON India, which has one of its largest offices at the World Trade Centre, Bengaluru, will now shift the office near the airport, as part of a cost-cutting strategy. Sources said the process, which started more than a year ago, will be completed only in mid-2026. It is said that the new office will help the ecommerce giant reduce its rental expenses by at least two-third.

Not all employees will be moved immediately, sources added. Currently, it occupies 18 floors at WTC, owned by Brigade, and with this decision, the real estate company now needs to find new tenants for its large space. Considering the traffic congestion in the city, the shift might lead to long commute hours for thousands of its employees. Not just Amazon, reports suggest that many top companies have now started buying land parcels near the city's airport corridor.

India is an important market for the ecommerce giant. The company is also witnessing many changes as after an eight-year stint at Amazon India, country head Manish Tiwary resigned in August this year.

The ecommerce industry is currently facing tough competition and companies operating in the sector are also focusing more on quick commerce. Amazon also faced many challenges recently including layoffs. In its report, Redseer says the country's e-commerce growth projections are expected to rise steadily at 20-22% growth rate leading to a $200-230 billion opportunity by 2030. It says users are expected to increasingly adopt digital transactions, and that with the current rate of adoption, the country will add a new user base of about 210 million shoppers by 2030 from the current 240 million users.

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HealthKart bags $153 mn in fresh round of funding

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NUTRITION platform HealthKart has closed a $153 million funding round, led by ChrysCapital & Motilal Oswal Alternates. In the new funding round, the platform's existing investor, A91 Partners also participated. With this, HealthKart's valuation is close to about $500 million. The company was last valued at $370 million in 2022.

The start-up also announced an employee ESOP buyback worth ₹55 crore. The buyback will benefit both current as well as former employees who have been part of the company's growth journey, it said.

Sameer Maheshwari, founder & CEO of HealthKart, said they are excited about its first ESOP buyback program. Arpit Vinayak, vice-President, ChrysCapital, said, "The Indian sports nutrition market, currently underpenetrated, is expected to expand due to a rise in fitness awareness and the increasing importance of nutrition and protein." In FY24, it crossed ₹1,000 crore revenue and achieved full-year EBITDA profitability. Founded in 2011, the start-up operates several digital-first brands, including MuscleBlaze, HK Vitals and Gritzo, across various nutrition segments such as proteins, dietary supplements and kids.

PCB ends Women's C'ship after fire in team hotel

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) had to abruptly end the National Women's Championship here on Monday after five players had a close shave following a fire incident in the team hotel. The PCB had booked an entire floor for the five competing sides and team officials. A source said that when the fire broke out, barring five players, all the other cricketers and officials were at the National Stadium either for matches or net sessions.

INDIA SEEKING ORDER IN MIDDLE & LOWER

Contributions from No 7-9 will be crucial for India's success as has been the case during past tours in Australia

GOMESH S @ Chennai

(From left) Washington Sundar, Ravichandran Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja

THE last time India played a Test match in Australia, things didn't go well for the batters. After letting Australia post 369 in the first innings, India were reduced to 186/6 at the Gabba. The match, and the series, was on the line when Shardul Thakur joined Washington Sundar in the middle. What followed from thereon was one of the all-time lower-order partnerships for India. Together, they would take India past 300 and reduce the lead to just 33 runs. The rest, as the world has witnessed, is just history. India breached the fortress, retained the Border-Gavaskar Trophy and won the series 2-1.

Not just in The Gabba, but through the series as well as the historic victory in 2018-19 one of the crucial reasons for India's success was the contribution from the lower-order batters. Whether it was the draw in Sydney where R Ashwin and Hanuma Vihari saved the day or in Melbourne where Ravindra Jadeja scored a fifty, India would not have been able achieve what they did without the lower-order.

In fact, irrespective of where they played, it has been the trend since the pandemic. Between 2020 and 2023, India's lower-order (No. 7-9) had scored as many as three hundreds and 20 fifties in 33 matches, averaging a little over 22 (22.73).

In fact, at a time when their No 3-5 were going through a rut, it was the middle-order and lower-order who consistently bailed them out. When it comes to Australia, the No 7-9 batters added 477 runs in four matches during the series win in 2018-19. Last time around, they contributed 377 runs.

This year, however, the story has not been the same. Yes, Jadeja and Ashwin scored a century each at home, but by and large they were not able to successfully enact the rescue act against New Zealand. They have arrived in Australia with three spin-bowling all-rounders — Ashwin, Jadeja and Washington — and a rookie pace-bowling all-rounder in Nitish Kumar Reddy.

Nitish Kumar Reddy

The youngster rose to fame through the Indian Premier League and was immediately fast-tracked to the international level in the shortest format. Since then, he has been on the radar, especially with Hardik Pandya not in the scheme of things for the longest format. He played in the Duleep Trophy and then was a part of the India A side that travelled to Australia for two unofficial Tests.

In all this, one thing was clear. Reddy's bowling has the potential to be useful while he might not be there yet purely as a batter. His first-class average of 21.05 with the bat and 26.98 with the ball is a sign of promise, but a lot of work is there to be done. However, all said and done, he has shown glimpses of what is possible against Australia A and there is no better way to graduate than going out there and putting on a show in India colours Down Under. And not just Reddy, who seems likely to take the field in Perth for India on November 22, whether it is Ashwin or Jadeja or Washington, whomever gets to play will have to make some crucial contributions with the bat. The good thing for India is that apart from Reddy the other three have played in Australia and succeeded in the past as well.

And that is exactly the all-rounders and the entire team would be thinking about. In fact, their former coach Ravi Shastri said that India should take confidence from past success, leaving behind the loss against New Zealand at home. "Think about the positives. Think about what you did in Australia last time around and take it ahead from there. Put what (has) happened behind you. These are different conditions and some of the tracks in Australia when you get in are probably the best to bat. I think it will be totally different, the conditions when they get out there," Shastri told The ICC Review.

For the Indian team to do that, they will need their all-rounders to fire now, more than ever.

NOTES FROM DOWN UNDER

We got what we wanted: Nayar

PERTH: The centre-wicket match simulation at WACA ground has served its purpose as the Indian team got what it wanted ahead of the opening Test, believed Abhishek Nayar and Morne Morkel, the two lieutenants of head coach Gautam Gambhir. The focus was on getting acclimatised to the conditions after the visitors had decided to scrap the intra-squad game with India 'A' team at the expense of match simulation. "Just before we came to Australia, Gauti bhai (Gautam Gambhir), Rohit (Sharma), we discussed what we wanted out of these three days, and the idea was to try and make sure that one, for the younger guys and also the experienced guys, to give them a lot of time in the centre to adapt, to understand conditions," Nayar said in a BCCI video.

Hope I can do job: McSweeney

PERTH: Nathan McSweeney has been tasked to open on his Australia debut despite not being a specialist in that position but he remains unfazed ahead of his big test in the series opener. He was picked ahead of regular openers including Marcus Harris. He got a national call-up following a decent outing against India A. He bats at number three in domestic cricket. "I think for me I know what works and I feel very capable to go and do the job and I'm batting the best I ever have, I feel. Hopefully I can go out there and execute that on Friday," McSweeney was quoted as saying. "It (criticism over his inclusion) happened quite quickly. Being able to lean on the guys who have experienced it, it doesn't change the way I prepare or try and go out and play."

Rafael Nadal | AFP

Nadal mum on playing as end of an era nears

AGENCIES @ Fuengirola

RAFAEL Nadal felt a hand on his left shoulder as he walked out of a conference room at a resort on Spain's southern coast Monday following his first question-and-answer session with reporters since announcing this week's Davis Cup Final 8 will be his last event before retirement.

Nadal turned to see Carlos Alcaraz, his Spanish teammate and heir apparent, who wanted to whisper something. Nadal, 38, and Alcaraz, 21, might share a court one last time on Tuesday, when Spain is scheduled to face the Netherlands on Tuesday in the quarterfinals on an indoor hard court at the Palacio de Deportes Jose Maria Martin Carpena in Malaga. Then again, maybe they won't both play Tuesday: Neither Nadal nor Spain's captain, David Ferrer, would say Monday whether the 22-time Grand Slam champion will participate. What is clear is that Nadal's career soon will be over.

What will he miss the most?

"I mean, probably the feeling of competition, (to) go on court and see the fans out there, the atmosphere when you play big matches," Nadal said. "And at the end of the day, (it) is about the adrenaline that you feel before, at the end, and during the match." The Spain-Netherlands winner will play in the semifinals on Friday against Canada or Germany. The championship will be decided on Sunday. "I'm not here to retire. I'm here to help the team win. It's my last week in a team competition, and the most important thing is to help the team. The emotions will come later," said Nadal, wearing the squad's red polo shirt with a tiny red-and-yellow Spanish flag on the left sleeve. "I'm enjoying the week. I'm not putting too much attention to the retirement," he said. "It will be a big change in my life after this week."

Nadal said it doesn't "make sense to keep going, knowing that I don't have the real chance to be competitive the way that I like to be competitive, because my body" won't allow it.

At the team news conference held at a hotel in Fuengirola, about 12 miles (20 kilometers) south of the competition venue, Nadal was asked how he has been feeling in practice in recent days and whether he is ready to play.

"That's a question for the captain," Nadal responded, drawing a laugh from Ferrer, sitting to the star player's left.

Ferrer's answer? "I don't know yet," he said. Perhaps this will factor in: Nadal is 29-1 in his Davis Cup singles career, a .967 winning percentage that is the highest for anyone who has played more than 15 matches. Way back in 2004, Nadal lost his Davis Cup debut to the Czech Republic's Jiri Novak — and he's won all 29 matches in a row since.

There will be two matches in singles and one in doubles in each matchup. Nadal could appear just in singles, just in doubles — perhaps alongside Alcaraz, his partner at the Paris Olympics — in both, or not at all. "Maybe we can be a part of that story of his finish here," Germany's Yannick Hanfmann said, looking ahead to a possible semifinal. "It would be nice to get a chance to play against him one more time."

Ferrer's lineup doesn't need to be submitted until 4 p.m. local time (1500 GMT), an hour before play begins. The reason the 9,200-capacity arena is sold out for Tuesday: It could be the last chance to see Nadal play a match that matters. "His last moments on court probably are going to be super special. Not (just) for me, but for everyone," Alcaraz said. "It's going to be an emotional day." Nadal has been dealing with a series of injuries the past two seasons and has been limited to only 23 official singles matches in that span, including a 12-7 record this year. "OK, I can hold for one more year. But why? To say goodbye in every single tournament? I don't have that ego to need that," Nadal said.

Still awaiting ICC's response, says PCB chief

AGENCIES @ Lahore

PAKISTAN Cricket Board (PCB) chief Mohsin Naqvi on Monday said he is yet to get a response from the ICC over BCCI's refusal to play the Champions Trophy in Pakistan. Earlier this month, the BCCI made it clear to the ICC that it won't send the national team to Pakistan and wants its games to be held in a third country. PCB has rejected the hybrid model and has sought clarity from the ICC on why India doesn't want to travel to Pakistan.

India has not played in Pakistan since the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks. The ICC event is scheduled in February-March.

"If India has any concerns about sending their team to Pakistan they must talk to us and we will remove them. I don't think there is any reason for India not to come to Pakistan for the Champions Trophy," Naqvi told reporters.

"We are directly interacting with the ICC and we are still waiting for a response from them so we can take things forward," he said.

Deepika can be a lethal striker: Coach Singh

KALYANI MANGALE @ Chennai

India play Japan in the Women's Asian Champions Trophy semifinal on Tuesday | HI

IN the women's Asian Champions Trophy's group stage, India have been not just dominant, but they have been able to find the out of any tricky situations. Whether it was dominating against Malaysia in the opener or sneaking the goal to break the deadlock against South Korea, India kept finding ways to score goals. Even when they faced the Paris Olympic silver medallists, China, Salima Tete's team came on top. However, now they have to keep all of that behind them when they face Japan in the semi-final in Rajgir.

"Pool games are completely different than knockouts so everyone prepares in the best way possible. We are definitely going to face some restrictions from the Japanese team," India's chief coach Harendra Singh told the media before the knockout game. "They are a good side, but we have to do our homework on how we want to exploit our chances and how we want to play. So far, girls have executed well how we wanted them to grow individually and take the challenge. The semi-finals will be a different ball game," he added.

Singh, who took over the women's team in April after the resignation of Janneke Schopman following India's failure to qualify for the 2024 Olympics, praised the group for being on the right path. "Are we entering the circle the way we want to? Yes, we are. I am happy with the way we are planning and entering. The next question is are we getting enough shots on the goal? Yes. When it comes to finishing, We are scoring good goals. I would say they have scored a few amazing goals in the tournament. There is still room for improvement and it comes from experience. So far our plans are working," the 55-year-old said.

In this tournament, with her ten goals, Deepika has been the star of the show for India. One of the youngsters on the team has taken to the new approach by the coach like a fish to the water. "Deepika, she is just 21. The way she is playing, the kind of skill and mentality she has, and if she keeps growing she can be a lethal striker. I am working on her drag flick. I am not going to put a lot of pressure on her. She should play her natural game. If she continues to do that she can always deliver the result. After the Pro League, I had a one-on-one meeting with her. I told her I was going to make her one of the leather strikers, but you have to work hard on that. I think Bihar has adopted all 20 players of the team, not just Deepika. When their names are announced before the match, we hear a lot of chants. The vibes in the hockey stadium are amazing," the coach could not help but praise the number of fans showing up for women's hockey in Bihar.

Since he took over, Singh has made sure the fitness levels of all of the players are up to the mark. "If you are fit, you are fresh. Your oxygen intake is very high and with that fatigue factor is reduced. We addressed this issue of fitness and since then their decision-making has been better."

India have seen multiple standout individual performances in this tournament. Japan, the team they defeated a few days ago to remain unbeaten in the group stage, is standing between them and the spot in the final.

EXPRESS READ

BJK Cup: Britain knock out holders Canada

MALAGA: Britain kept alive its hopes of winning the Billie Jean King Cup for the first time by defeating defending champion Canada in the quarterfinals. Katie Boulter clinched the 2-0 victory with a 6-2, 6-4 win over Leylah Fernandez after Emma Raducanu defeated Rebecca Marino 6-0, 7-5 in the first singles match of the tie.

India team for men's Jr Asia Cup announced

NEW DELHI: Defender Amir Ali will lead a 20-member Indian squad in the men's Junior Asia Cup hockey tournament, which is a qualifying event for next year's Junior World Cup, starting in Muscat on November 26. This year, the event will have 10 teams from the continent divided into two pools. India are in pool A.

India held by Malaysia, end year winless

AGENCIES @ Hyderabad

Action from a friendly match between India and Malaysia | SRI LOGANATHAN VELMURUGAN

THE Indian men's football team will end the year without a win as it was held to a 1-1 draw by visiting Malaysia in an international friendly here on Monday, extending head coach Manolo Marquez's wait for his first victory with the Blue Tigers. A howler from goalkeeper Gurpreet Singh Sandhu saw Paulo Josue put Malaysia ahead against the run of play in the 19th minute but Rahul Bheke cancelled out the lead with his 39th minute header from a corner kick at the Balayogi Stadium. Going into the game, there was nothing to separate the two sides in head-to-head results with India and Malaysia having won 12 matches each and eight ending in draws.

However, it was the 125th ranked India that kept the bulk of possession in the early part of the game, seeking to crack the Malaysian defence even as the visitors looked to settle down. Bolstered by the return of central defender Sandesh Jhingan after almost 10 months, the Indians looked to build from the back through short passes and put pressure on the Malaysian defence.

Manolo handed Chennaiyin FC's Irfan Yedwad his India debut and deployed him as the lone forward in a 4-2-3-1 formation, but his international inexperience showed as the 23-year-old striker struggled to outsmart his markers, as the hunt for the legendary Sunil Chhetri's successor continues.

This was India's fourth match under Manolo. Prior to this game, India drew 0-0 with Mauritius, lost 0-3 to Syria in the Intercontinental Cup, and were held 1-1 by Vietnam in their last friendly match.

Satwik-Chirag return to action

AGENCIES @ Shenzhen (China)

INDIA'S premier men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty will make a highly-anticipated return to action at the China Masters Super 750 badminton tournament, starting here on Tuesday, following a disappointing Paris Olympics campaign. The former world number one duo had been sidelined from competitive action post the Games due to Satwik's shoulder injury.

Satwik and Chirag, who finished runner-up in the last editions, will start their campaign against Chinese Taipei's Yang Po-Hsuan and Lee Jhe-Huei in the opening round. Elsewhere, P V Sindhu and Lakshya Sen will look to overcome their recent struggles and aim for improved performances as they continue their quest for consistency and form.

NATIONS LEAGUE

Promotion for England, France win

AGENCIES @ Paris

France's defender Lucas Digne celebrates after scoring a goal against Italy | AFP

ENGLAND blew away 10-man Republic of Ireland 5-0 to wrap up promotion to the Nations League top flight as four players netted their first international goals on Sunday, while Adrien Rabiot scored twice as France beat Italy. Erling Haaland scored a hat-trick to help Norway also top their group in League B. Euro 2024 runners-up England secured top spot in Group B2 in interim boss Lee Carsley's final game in charge before the arrival of Thomas Tuchel as manager.

"I can only do what I was in control of. It's not a gamble with some of these players, they are excellent players," Carsley told *ITV*. Greece finished second despite a 2-0 win over Finland in the other game in the group and will head into the playoffs in March.

Rabiot downs Azzurri

France snatched top spot in Group A2 from Italy with a 3-1 success at the San Siro. Les Bleus knew a two-goal win would see them finish first ahead of Italy as both teams already through to the quarterfinals. **RESULTS: League A:** Group 2: Israel 1 Belgium 0; Italy 1 France 3, **League B:** Group 2: Finland 0 Greece 2; England 5 Ireland 0, **Group 3:** Norway 5 Kazakhstan 0; Austria 1 Slovenia 1, **League C:** Group 4: North Macedonia 1 Faroe Islands 0; Latvia 1 Armenia 2.

On Friday (November 22), WHO will convene the emergency committee on mpox to advise the director-general of WHO on whether the disease continues to be a Public Health Emergency of International Concern

IN INDIA, CHANCES SLIM

SPREAD OF MPOX UNDER CONTROL

SINDUJA JANE @Chennai

IN the fourth week of September, a man in his early 30s, accompanied by his wife, came to the outpatient department (OPD) of the general medicine department at Rajagiri Hospital, Ernakulam. He had arrived from the UAE. He presented with symptoms resembling chickenpox—fever, chills, and rash. However, upon closer examination, the blisters did not match the typical appearance of chickenpox.

"The presentation was somewhere between smallpox and chickenpox, but we knew the lesions were something different," said Dr Sunny P Orathel, the medical superintendent. The key clue that led the medical team to suspect mpox was the presence of swollen lymph nodes. This, combined with the patient's unusual symptoms and travel history, pointed to a possible case of mpox, a viral infection that had recently been reported in the region.

The hospital had been on high alert after a confirmed case of mpox emerged in Malappuram just a week prior. The hospital's epidemiology team had briefed doctors on global communicable diseases, and this knowledge helped them recognise the signs of the virus early. A dermatologist was consulted, and she too suspected mpox based on the clinical presentation. If confirmed, this would be the second case of mpox in Kerala and the third in India in the recent outbreak.

Before confirming the diagnosis, the doctors decided to take precautionary steps and immediately moved the patient and his wife to an isolation facility. She had recently visited her husband a week earlier in the UAE, but as she was asymptomatic, there was no need to place them in separate rooms. Her presence provided emotional support to the patient during his difficult ordeal, said Dr Orathel.

Swabs were collected for testing and sent to the National Institute of Virology (NIV) in Pune. While waiting for the test results, hospital authorities were proactive in alerting the health department, who immediately began contact tracing. They traced the flight the couple had taken to Kochi and started identifying anyone who may have been in close contact with them.

The test results came back 48 hours later, confirming that the patient had contracted mpox. While there is no specific antiviral treatment for mpox, the doctors focused on managing the patient's symptoms. "We gave medicines to control the fever and prevent any complications," said Dr Orathel.

The patient's condition remained stable, and he was able to eat normally. His diagnosis was confirmed as clade 2b variant of mpox, which is considered more severe compared to other variants globally. However, another challenge doctors faced was in managing the discharge process.

Although the patient began feeling better after five days, complications arose when the follow-up tests showed that he was still testing positive for the virus. Even though he was asymptomatic, both he and his wife could still be infectious during the incubation period of up to 21 days, which delayed their discharge.

By the 10th day, a third test confirmed that the man was no longer infectious. He and his wife had spent nearly 20 days in isolation at the hospital. Even after discharge, the doctors set conditions. "We had to ensure that the infection was fully controlled before they were discharged. The disease may be mild, but our responsibility is to prevent its spread," Dr Orathel explained.

Close contact transmission

Around 1.1 lakh cases of mpox were reported across the world affecting 123 countries since January 2022, of which, 236 patients died, says the 42nd situation report for the multi-country outbreak of mpox published by the World Health Organisation (WHO) recently. But there is no need for worry in India, even though the first case in India was by the severe strain of virus. Experts say that chances of an outbreak are slim in India, but caution that any virus always has the potential to change its virulence.

Dr Muhammed Niyas, department of infectious diseases, KIMSHEALTH, Thiruvananthapuram, who has been a consultant on many mpox cases, said the patient should be isolated till the lesions are crusted and new skin appears. Hospitalisation is not necessary as long as their isolation can be ensured. "The virus spreads only through close contact, and the possibility of airborne transmission is extremely rare. It is not as transmissible as diseases like Covid-19," he said. He pointed out that the treatment remains same irrespective of the virus variants.

"Though it spreads through close physical contact, there is potential for infection in closed groups through used materials like bedsheets. However, as travel is open, we cannot completely say we are safe," said Dr T S Selvavinaygam, Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Tamil Nadu.

Mpox, also known as monkeypox, has been reported as endemic in African countries. It has also been reported in non-endemic countries like the US, UK, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, and Sweden.

On November 22 (Friday), WHO will convene the emergency committee on mpox to advise the director-general of WHO whether the disease continues to be a Public Health Emergency of International Concern.

Protocols in place

WHO had declared mpox as Public Health Emergency of National Concern on August 14. A similar announcement was made in 2022. On September 26, Union Health Secretary Apurva Chandra issued a fresh advisory to states and union territories on mpox after the first clade 2b case was reported in Kerala.

He said robust diagnostic testing capabilities are already available, with 36 ICMR-supported labs across the country and three commercial PCR kits validated by ICMR and approved by the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation.

States were directed to identify isolation facilities in hospitals for suspected and confirmed cases, equipped with logistics and trained staff. The advisory asked states and UTs to continue undertaking appropriate activities to make communities aware of the disease, its modes of spread, and the need for timely reporting and preventive measures.

In the last two years, Delhi's Lok Nayak Jai Prakash (LNJP) Hospital, designated as the nodal facility for treating mpox cases, has managed 16 patients, with 90% of them being male, says Dr Suresh Kumar, the hospital's medical director. "Nearly all the cases involved a travel history to African nations where mpox is endemic, except for one patient who arrived from England. Male-to-male sexual contact emerged as the primary transmission route in these cases," he said.

LNJP Hospital follows the central government's guidelines for managing and treating mpox patients. "A dedicated ward was repurposed for monkeypox treatment, equipped with beds and cubicles. Suspected cases were kept in a separate isolation unit. In-house tests were conducted, and samples which turn out positive were sent to the National Institute of Virology for genome analysis," Dr Kumar added.

The hospital ensured thorough training for a multidisciplinary team of 18 members, including specialists and nurses from dermatology, medicine, paediatrics, and gynaecology departments.

"Dermatology led the efforts since the disease spreads through skin-to-skin contact. The medicine department managed immunocompromised patients, while paediatricians and gynaecologists were involved when cases included children and women," he added.

Healthcare workers adhered to stringent precautions, wore PPE kits and refrained from serving in other wards during the period. Treatment at LNJP was tailored to each patient's symptoms. "The treatment was based on the symptoms patients exhibited. Dermatologists treated crusted skin and lesions with appropriate medications, while paracetamol and antibiotics were used for fever and pus. Despite the challenges, there were no fatalities, and all patients made full recoveries," Dr Kumar said.

Chances of outbreak slim in India

The chances of a widespread outbreak in India are slim because of many reasons. Experts say factors including ethnicity, race, herd immunity, and exposure to animals might explain the high prevalence of mpox in African countries, where close contact with wildlife and other ecological conditions create an environment conducive for its transmission.

At present, there is no threat of any outbreak in the country. "It is not a big threat to India as it spreads with human-to-human skin contact. It is not a killer disease in normal people, and it is a self-limiting disease," said Dr T Jacob John, eminent virologist.

Vaccine is also available for mpox, says John, adding that the government should raise awareness on the disease to prevent misinformation among people, and also release bulletins on a weekly or monthly basis on the number of people tested and confirmed, if any. "This will keep the people informed about the status, like in developed countries. India has reported 32 mpox cases since July 2022," he said.

Dr A Balaji, head of department of community medicine at Arunai Medical College, said, "The severity and transmissibility of mpox are very low compared to other viral infections. Most individuals recover within five to seven days without specific treatment."

However, Dr Balaji cautioned against complacency in this age of globalisation. "With increasing international travel, there is always the risk of diseases spreading to non-endemic regions. If a person with mpox lesions is identified, immediate isolation and appropriate measures should be undertaken to prevent further spread," he said.

Covid-19 has heightened public awareness about personal hygiene and preventive practices, which are also effective in curbing the spread of mpox. Deaths are rare and occur primarily in vulnerable groups. "The fatalities are usually confined to pregnant mothers, children under five years of age, and individuals with weakened immune systems," Dr Balaji added, stressing on the importance of protecting the high-risk population.

(With inputs from Unnikrishnan S @T'Puram, Ashish Srivastava @New Delhi)

CLOSE CONTACT TRANSMISSION

Mpox, previously known as monkeypox, is a viral illness caused by monkeypox virus.

There are two strains of the virus - clade I (with subclades Ia and Ib) and clade II (with subclades IIa and IIb)

The first human case of mpox was reported from DR Congo in 1970

Vaccines are available for mpox

SYMPTOMS

Skin rash | Fever | Headache | Muscle aches | Back pain | Low energy | Swollen lymph nodes

TRANSMISSION

Transmittion through close contact with someone who has mpox, contaminated materials, or infected animals

During pregnancy, the virus may be passed to the fetus, or to the newborn during or after birth

TREATMENT

Treated with supportive care for symptoms such as pain and fever, with close attention to nutrition, hydration, skin care, prevention of secondary infections and treatment of co-infections, including HIV, if present

Obesity raises the risk of metabolic disorders

One factor that accelerates genetic tendencies leading to metabolic disorders early is a diabetogenic environment that contributes to the development of diabetes. When we eat a lot of fatty and oily food and reduce physical activity, we gain weight and leads to high diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, says **Dr Hareesh Kumar**, HOD of endocrinology and podiatry at Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences, Kochi, in an interview with **Anna Jose**. Edited excerpts:

● How are metabolism and ageing related?

Metabolism is a normal body process that keeps humans alive. If it is hindered or corrupted in any way, it will affect life span and also make people age faster. There is a clear link between these two.

● How do metabolic disorders lead to early ageing?

The common metabolic disorders are obesity, diabetes, hypertension, dyslipidemia, or hypercholesterolemia. All of these target the heart and eventually result in heart disease. Obesity is the foundation for all metabolic disorders. For example, obesity will cause so many lifestyle problems. When an individual becomes obese, there will be mobility-related problems, causing pain in the knees and joints—which we face in the later stages of life. It also leads to psychological issues. These complications may affect the cardiovascular system as well. Also, if you are a smoker, there is an added risk. When these conditions together cause blockages in the arteries and blood vessels of the legs, heart, and brain, we may age faster, mentally and intellectually. It may lead to memory issues and mild strokes affecting the brain and intellectual skills. It causes ageing in different ways. Death is also premature in this group of people. If you do not have these problems, the risk of developing heart disease is less.

● What precautions can be taken against such disorders?

When we talk about metabolic disorders, there are two components. The first is genetic - most people genetically get obese because of family history and the presence of diabetes. This group is predisposed to developing diabetes and obesity. Another factor that brings out genetic tendencies early is a diabetogenic environment that contributes to the development of diabetes. When we eat a lot of fatty and oily food, we gain weight and may start getting high diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, etc. Today we find many people are affected by diseases like diabetes and obesity at a much younger age. Earlier, there were only a few who used to develop early diabetes, that too because of a significant family history. But otherwise, the majority of people used to develop diabetes in their 50s or 60s. Now it is in the 30s or 40s or even in their 20s.

INTERVIEW
DR HAREESH KUMAR

● How can metabolic complications be prevented?

Even if we have a genetic predisposition, we can prevent metabolic complications through regular exercise, eating healthy food, and avoiding putting on weight. If you lead a healthy lifestyle and control stress, then the likelihood of these diseases can be delayed. If you put on too much weight even when there is no genetic predisposition, there are chances of developing the rest of the complications. We need to have a healthy diet and exercise from an early age and learn to cope with stress. Once you become stressed, the blood pressure and sugar levels goes up.

● Are metabolic complications reversible?

Yes. With early treatment and lifestyle modifications, the condition can be reversed. However, there is a lack of awareness. Once I met a patient who had to control diabetes before having knee replacement surgery. We started some aggressive measures for weight reduction and control of obesity. She lost around 12kg in three months and became more mobile, and her pain was also reduced. Later, the doctor told her that she did not need to have surgery and that the situation could be managed with physiotherapy.

Anti-inflammation diet can help in losing those extra pounds

RISHITA KHANNA @Bengaluru

MANY people focus on weight loss, but often overlook a hidden factor that can make it harder to shed pounds - inflammation. An anti-inflammatory diet, which includes foods that reduce swelling and promote overall health, can play a crucial role in weight management.

The diet, which not only helps with weight loss but also promotes long-term well-being, gained significant attention recently, after actress Vidya Balan shared how it helped her in her weight loss journey.

Experts highlighted that an anti-inflammatory diet works by focusing on foods that reduce swelling and inflammation in the body. Inflammation happens when the body's immune system reacts to injury or infection, but sometimes it can last too long and cause health issues like joint pain, heart disease, or even diabetes. The foods in an anti-inflammatory diet help calm this ongoing inflammation, which can lead to better health and improved energy.

XPLAINER

Doctors stress that people often focus on weight loss because they believe that losing weight will solve many health problems, but fail to realise that inflammation can play a big role in weight gain and loss. Chronic inflammation can slow down the body's metabolism, making it harder to burn fat. It can also trigger cravings for unhealthy foods, which makes it even harder to stick to a weight loss plan, experts say.

To understand the diet's effectiveness, it is essential to grasp the concept of inflammation, says Dr Karthigai Selvi A, HOD – department of clinical nutrition and dietetics at Gleneagles BGS Hospitals, Bengaluru.

There are two types - acute inflammation, which is the body's natural response to an infection or injury, which resolves on its own; and systemic inflammation which affects the entire body and is linked to chronic conditions like obesity.

He explained that systemic inflammation plays a significant role in weight gain and challenges in losing weight. Certain foods can exacerbate inflammation, including processed foods, sugary drinks, trans fats, and food high in sugar, salt, preservatives, and artificial colours. On the other hand, anti-inflammatory foods help reduce inflammation and improve overall health.

"These include omega-3-rich foods like fatty fish, nuts, and seeds; vitamin C sources such as citrus fruits and leafy greens, polyphenols from colourful fruits and vegetables, and probiotics found in yoghurt and fermented foods," Dr Selvi added.

However, anti-inflammatory diets are not a one-size-fits-all solution. "It needs to be tailored to individual health conditions, food sensitivities, and lifestyle factors. The plan focuses on eliminating processed foods, sugar, and refined carbs, which exacerbate inflammation, while emphasising nutrient-rich options," said Dr Adarsh Nayak, consultant general physician at TriLife Hospital, Bengaluru.

The diet is designed to tackle these triggers and promote overall well-being, Dr Nayak says. It is crucial to maintain adequate hydration and ensure a balanced intake of multivitamins. Caution is advised, as some individuals may initially face digestive discomfort during the adjustment phase.

Those with medical conditions like kidney disease should consult a doctor, given the high potassium levels in some anti-inflammatory foods, he adds. Similarly, people with sensitivities to nuts or certain fruits should adapt their diet accordingly to ensure it remains safe and effective.

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Gettysburg Address

'The Gettysburg Address' was delivered by Abraham Lincoln on 1863 at the site of a decisive battle of the American Civil War

CLASSIC UTTERANCE

Lincoln's 272-word speech begins with "Four score and seven years ago..." and this was deemed classic utterances of all time, time, a masterpiece of prose poetry

FIVE COPIES

The speech has five known copies, in Lincoln's handwriting, each with a slightly different text. The last has words which appear on the Lincoln Memorial

TRIVIA

The Battle of Gettysburg was one of the most bloodiest Civil War battles. Over three days, 45,000 men were killed, injured, or captured

CE's guide to happenings in the city

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DESE GOWDA

'MORNINGS ARE THE BEST TIME FOR WRITING...I SIT IN A SUNNY SPOT'

A trusty ballpoint pen in hand, writer Ruskin Bond, who received *TNIE* Group's Ramnath Goenka Sahithya Samman Lifetime Achievement Award 2024, on inspiring generations of readers with his storytelling

HIGH in the foothills of the Himalayas, surrounded by lush greenery and the cool embrace of winter mist, **Ruskin Bond** leads a quiet, unhurried life with his family. His is a simple existence, largely unchanged for decades, yet is rich with inspiration – one that has fuelled a literary legacy spanning generations. With over 500 short stories, essays, poetry collections, novels, and writings for both children and adults, Bond remains a prolific storyteller. In recognition of his unparalleled contribution to literature and his role as a bridge between generations of readers, he was recently presented the Ramnath Goenka Sahithya Samman Lifetime Achievement Award for 2024 by *The New Indian Express* Group.

"A big award like this encourages me to keep writing a little longer, perhaps even long enough to pick up a few more awards!" Bond says. His charm is matched only by his humility. The recognition feels particularly fitting for a writer whose works have shaped the imagination of generations of young Indians for nearly 70 years. From his small wooden cottage in Landour, Bond's stories have touched readers of all ages. "I've met people who grew up reading my books. It's lovely to have written for two or three generations and to still be doing so," reflects Bond who turned 90 this year.

Nature's Narrator

Born to an English father and an Anglo-Indian mother in present-day Uttarakhand, Bond knew he wanted to be a writer from an early age. "I wasn't much good at anything else except football, and I wasn't good enough for Manchester United or Arsenal!" he shares.

After completing his schooling, Bond moved to the UK but returned to India soon after. The one highlight of the period was the publication of his first novel, *The Room on the Roof* – a semi-autobiographical story about Rusty, an orphaned Anglo-Indian boy – which earned him the John Llewellyn Rhys Prize. He was just 17 at the time.

"I thought, 'Well, since this is something I enjoy doing, why not try to make a living from it?'" Bond recalls. "Of course, there were lots of ups and downs, but for most of these 70 years, I've been writing full-time and earning a reasonable income. I've had dozens of publishers over the years. I could write a book about publishers, though if I did, no one would publish me after that! (laughs)"

Initially a self-described serious writer focusing on adult fiction, Bond eventually shifted to children's literature, a genre where he truly found his stride. His focus on timeless themes – childhood, nature, and human relationships – sets him apart. "My stories don't age because I don't write much about political issues or topical events," he explains. In today's rapidly-urbanising India, Bond's works serve as a portal to a simpler existence. "Most of the educated middle class in urban areas have little contact with nature. So, when they read about it, it appeals to them," he reflects. "More and more young people want to have adventures and escape the cities."

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> –Ruskin Bond, writer

Keeping Up with the Times

At 90, Bond's daily routine is simple. "Mornings are the best time for writing," he says. "I sit in a sunny spot on the balcony and write for about half an hour to an hour. I'm a very lazy writer! After that, I have a good breakfast and then spend time reading or doing other things. Lunch is another highlight. I've reached 90 without ever following any specific diets!" he laughs. "I'm probably a reader first and a writer second. I go through two or three books a week. I read for pleasure and enjoy good crime fiction, detective stories, and even old, forgotten books." He still writes by hand, preferring the trusty ballpoint pen, which he calls "the greatest invention!"

This week, his latest work, *Rhymes for the Times* (Penguin India Puffin; ₹350), a collection of humorous poems and limericks, was released. "We live in a nonsensical world today, so I thought I might as well write some nonsense!" he says. Reflecting on what keeps him writing, Bond says, "I find great pleasure in crafting sentences, telling stories, and reflecting on the past – people I've known and met. After all, stories are about people, and my interest in life drives me to put it all down."

A 'Greedy' Writer

Bond's Anglo-Indian heritage once made him feel like an outsider, but today he feels firmly rooted in Indian identity. "It's not so much of a problem now, but 20 or 30 years ago, it was different. When I checked into a hotel, they'd ask for my passport, and 'When did you arrive in India?' My reply was always the same: 'May 19, 1934 – I came by stork! I was dropped here!'" he laughs.

What does Bond hope for his works in the future? "It would be nice if children and adults continue reading my books. You could call me a greedy writer – I want readers of all kinds!" he shares. "If a writer can inspire young readers to take an interest in the natural world and books – what more could a writer ask for?"

CITY READ

Not-for-profit organisation to upgrade Church Street

Church Street is undergoing an infrastructure upgrade as part of the BBMP's 'Namma Bengaluru, Namma Koduge' initiative. Spearheaded by the UnboxingBLR Foundation, the project aims to transform the iconic street into a vibrant, livable space while preserving its cultural charm. The initiative includes road repairs, enhanced streetlights, improved garbage disposal, better drainage systems, and more.

Bengaluru FC Academy earns top accreditation

Bengaluru Football Club (BFC) has been awarded a prestigious five-star rating by the All India Football Federation (AIFF) for its academy, making it the only Indian football club to achieve this distinction in the 2024-25 phase 1 evaluation. The academy, which includes the BFC Soccer Schools and Residential Academy, has consistently been recognised for excellence, winning the AIFF Best Professional Academy award in 2024.

International musician to perform on Nov 21

The Indian Music Experience Museum, JP Nagar, is set to host a night of thought-provoking music and poetry with five artistes across genres and cultures on November 21, from 7pm onwards. The event will feature Berlin-based songwriter, rapper, and activist Keno Langbein and Vasu Dixit Collective's Joel Sakkari (Sakkare), collaborating on 'What If It Never Stops Raining', a music and poetry performance. To RSVP, visit indianmusicexperience.org

Fest to empower mothers from Nov 24-30

MomPower360 is set to host its third edition of empowering events for mothers from November 24 to 30. The series includes a momathon at Sankey Tank, a virtual summit, and a conference at the Conrad Hotel. These events aim to inspire, connect, and support mothers nationwide. Highlights include family Zumba sessions, interactive workshops, and talks by notable speakers like singer Kavita Krishnamurti and nutritionist Ryan Fernando. For more details, visit mompower360.com/momathon-2024

POOJA DAS

Green shoots

Through inspiring films and meaningful discussions, the fifth edition of All Living Things Environment Film Festival hopes to empower audiences to engage with environmental issues thoughtfully and passionately

WHEN we think of climate change, what images come to mind? As news of extreme weather events – floods, heatwaves, cyclones, and thunderstorms – continues to surround us, we witness floods sweeping away homes and hurricanes dismantling entire ecosystems. Amidst these alarming scenes, where does one find hope? With COP 29 underway in Azerbaijan, where global leaders are gathering to seek solutions, and climate reduction targets slipping further from reach each year, hope can feel elusive in the face of the climate crisis. The All Living Things Environmental Film Festival (ALT EFF) is one of the avenues that continues to look for hope amidst reports of severe climate change.

"Our goal is to use the emotive power of film to evoke environmental awareness and inspire action. Film is such a powerful storytelling medium, and we're leveraging it to make people think and act differently towards the environment," says Kunal Khanna, director of the festival. Following a decentralised format, ALT EFF choses not to confine screenings to one city. This year, the festival will host over 100 screenings across India, along with around 750 school screenings to reach younger audiences. "We choose films that highlight environmental issues, human stories, and solutions. It's about finding the right mix of impactful, inspiring, and actionable stories," highlights Khanna.

The fifth edition of the film festival will take place in four separate locations in the city – Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment, Bangalore Creative Circus (BCC), Medai and Courtyard Koota – starting on November 22. Manisha Vinod, co-founder of Bangalore Creative Circus (BCC), a key partner, explains that the film lineup reflects pressing issues like climate action, waste reduction, regeneration, soil erosion, and water conservation — topics that align closely with BCC's own environmental mission. "Watching a film together creates a shared experience, which makes it easier for people to express their perspectives and emotions," shares Vinod, adding, "One memorable screening was *Fight with Care*, which sparked a profound discussion. It covered how a community's livelihood – based on fishing – was destroyed by industrial pollution. The film triggered stories and insights from viewers about similar things they've witnessed."

The film curation process is meticulous, involving hundreds of submissions from around the world. "It's a lengthy but vital process. We start in January, scouting and accepting film submissions," Khanna explains. This year, the programming team reviewed approximately 400 films, ultimately selecting 72 that best align with the festival's mission. Highlights include *The Climate Baby Dilemma*, which explores the ethical question of bringing children into a world under environmental duress; *Maya Mercury*, following an African conservationist's journey; and *Stubble: The Farmer's Bane*, which examines the contentious politics surrounding stubble burning in North India. "The films we select aren't all doom and gloom; they often showcase small but impactful changes happening around the world. These stories show that even individual actions can lead to meaningful change. There's a long road ahead, but we want people to leave our screenings feeling hopeful and motivated to make a difference."

(The All Living Things Environment Film Festival is coming to the city between November 22 and 24; and from November 27 to December 6. For details, visit alteff.in)

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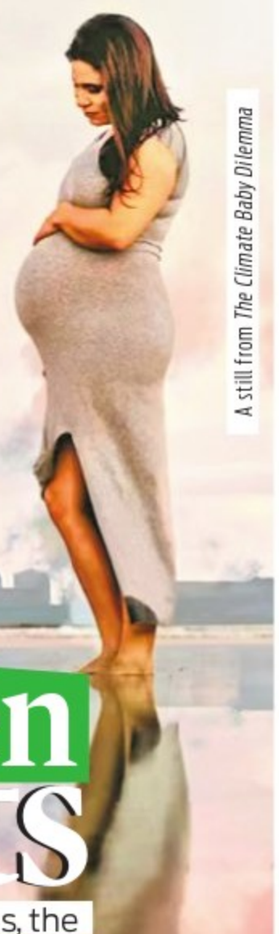
> Kunal Khanna, ALT EFF, festival director

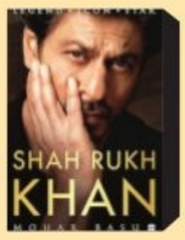


A still from *The Climate Baby Dilemma*

BOOK NOOK

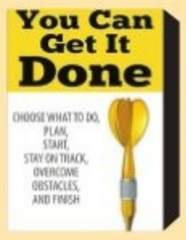
Treasurer of Piggy Banks
Translated by Arvind Krishna Mehrotra

The present volume contains Mehrotra's translations of about 75 poems selected from Vinod Kumar Shukla's poetry collections published between 1971 and 2013, and also some new and uncollected poems.



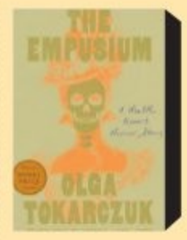
Shah Rukh Khan
By Mohar Basu

Featuring never-before-seen photographs by veteran photographer Pradeep Bandekar, intimate stories, and fan accounts of the actor who rules the hearts of millions, this book is as much a paean to Shah Rukh's career as it is a tribute to the man himself — the star, the icon, the legend.



You Can Get It Done
By Liisa Kyle

The seasoned life coach has designed a book that empowers people to enhance productivity. The author presents strategies for devising effective plans of action, improving time management skills, overcoming self-sabotage, evaluating when it is acceptable to quit and when it is not.



The Empusium
By Olga Tokarczuk

In this resort horror story set in 1913, a young Polish man with TB arrives at a sanatorium in the Silesian mountains. An exuberant feminist parable from the International Booker winner that takes in philosophy, misogyny, illness and the power of the irrational.

KNOCK OUT

Taekwondo fighters compete at the Third Mini Olympics of Karnataka, held at Sri Kanteerava Indoor Stadium | VINOD KUMAR T

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FREEDOM AT MIDNIGHT (Hindi, series)

The electrifying story of India's struggle for independence. Based on the bestselling book of the same name, it recounts the partition of India and Pakistan.

Cast: Sidhant Gupta, Chirag Vohra, Rajendra Chawla

- **Watch on:** SonyLIV

VIJAY 69 (Hindi)

An adventurous, foul-mouthed former swimming coach reaches for record-breaking glory when he attempts a triathlon at 69 years old.

Cast: Anupam Kher, Chunky Panday, Mihir Ahuja

- **Watch on:** Netflix

FOREIGN

BOOK CLUB: THE NEXT CHAPTER (English)

Four best friends take their book club to Italy for the fun girls' trip they never had. When things go off the rails, and secrets are revealed, their relaxing vacation turns into a once-in-a-lifetime cross-country adventure.

Cast: Diane Keaton, Jane Fonda, Candice Bergen

- **Watch on:** Netflix

SUBSCRIPTION

Netflix:	₹199/month
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FITBIT

TADASANA TWIST ARMS SHOULDER LEVEL SPREAD OUT
(MOUNTAIN POSE TWIST ARMS SHOULDER LEVEL SPREAD OUT)

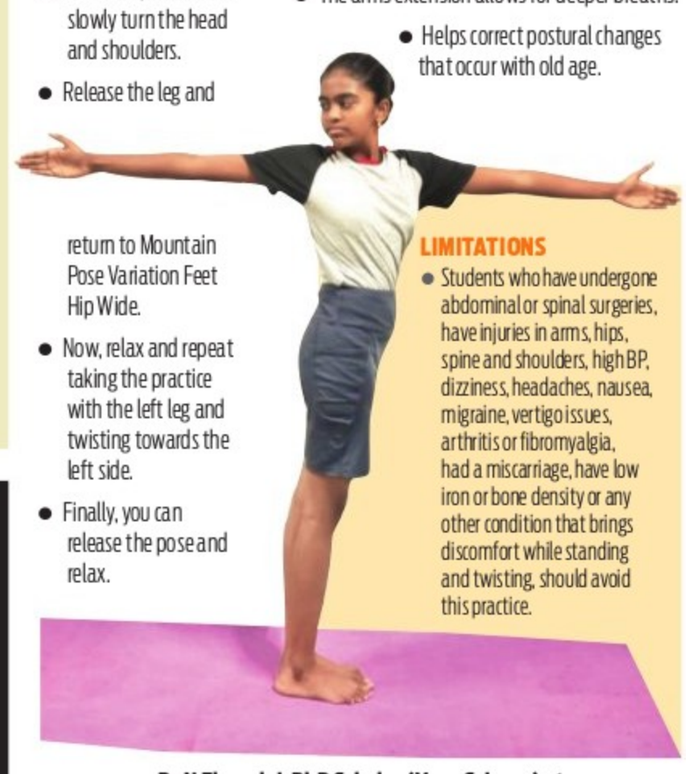
This is derived from the base pose Tadasana (Mountain Pose). The flow consists of a stretch and twist which is beneficial for strengthening the arms, shoulders, chest, core, and can act as a warm-up yoga flow. This pose can be performed by beginners of any age and gender. This can be a warm up for other flows like Tadasana Pose Flow and poses like Sun Salutation A. Since this flow moves from Tadasana to a twist with the arms open, the students should be instructed to ground their feet without moving them during the twist.

STEPS

- Begin by standing up straight in Mountain Pose Variation Feet Hip Wide.
- While breathing deeply, slowly raise both of your arms sideways. Keep the extended arms out at shoulder level, in a 'T'.
- Breathe out, and with the next inhalation, expand your chest.
- As you breathe out, twist the torso towards the right side.
- Stay here in balance while turning towards the right for about 4-6 breaths.
- To release, exhale and slowly turn the head and shoulders.
- Release the leg and return to Mountain Pose Variation Feet Hip Wide.
- Now, relax and repeat taking the practice with the left leg and twisting towards the left side.
- Finally, you can release the pose and relax.

BENEFITS

- Strengthens and lengthens the arms, shoulders, spine, and neck muscles.
- Increases flow of energy within the body.
- Stretches the diaphragm which allows sufficient inflow and outflow of air, impacting the functioning of the lungs.
- Releases stress or stiffness of the body.
- Abdominal pressure at the core area is good for the digestive system
- Stimulates the thyroid gland that helps in boosting metabolism.
- Enhance stability, if practised regularly.
- Stimulates circulatory organs including heart and lungs.
- Senior citizens and pregnant women can do this practice regularly.
- Aids in burning away toxins in the body.
- Strengthens and stretches the sides of the lumbar region.
- The arms extension allows for deeper breaths.
- Helps correct postural changes that occur with old age.



LIMITATIONS

- Students who have undergone abdominal or spinal surgeries, have injuries in arms, hips, spine and shoulders, high BP, dizziness, headaches, nausea, migraine, vertigo issues, arthritis or fibromyalgia, had a miscarriage, have low iron or bone density or any other condition that brings discomfort while standing and twisting, should avoid this practice.

By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

QUICKFIX

CREAM AND ONION SOUP

INGREDIENTS

- **Onions:** 2, sliced
- **Butter:** 2 tbsp
- **Vegetable broth:** 3 cups
- **Heavy cream:** 1 cup
- **Salt and pepper to taste**
- **Fresh parsley for garnish**

METHOD

- Melt butter in a large pot. Add sliced onions and cook until caramelised.
- Pour in the broth, and boil. Let the soup simmer for 10 minutes.
- Use an immersion blender to purée the soup and add in the cream.
- Add salt and pepper to taste.
- Garnish with parsley, and serve hot.

Contributed by **Rekha Sharma**, Delhi

EXPRESS CONNECT

HAVE A RECIPE OR ART WORK TO SHARE, OR A QUESTION TO ASK?

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WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Theatre Delights

Watch *Karma*, a psychological thriller that unfolds through the perspectives of the characters' younger and older versions. Witness an unravelling of relationships as a result of unconscious choices that end up bearing conscious effects on the lives of the characters.

- **WHEN:** November 19, 7.30pm
- **WHERE:** Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar
- **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

Live Lounging

Listen to emerging local artistes performing live while you indulge in refreshing drinks and a variety of foods. The event also includes interactive sessions with the performing artistes.

- **WHEN:** November 19, 8pm
- **WHERE:** Kling Brewery, Ashok Nagar
- **CALL:** 98802 28891

Groove Night

Catch popular singer **Shilpa Rao** live in concert, performing hits like *Ghungroo*, *Bulleya*, *Malang*, and more. Don't miss this captivating evening of music and passion from one of India's sensational voices.

- **WHEN:** November 23, 6.30pm
- **WHERE:** Phoenix Marketcity, Whitefield
- **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

Fitness Session

Break into a sweat in a fun and exciting way through this Zumba Fitness Beginners Workshop. A fusion of zumba, aerobics, and other forms taught by expert instructors is sure to give you a satisfying full-body workout.

- **WHEN:** November 19, 7am onwards
- **WHERE:** New York Dance Classes, Bannerghatta Road
- **CALL:** 98187 41350

Paint with Passion

Join an acrylic painting workshop inspired by Coldplay's music. Led by artist Bharat, create art reflecting your love for songs like *A Sky Full of Stars*, with guidance to express your creativity.

- **WHEN:** November 24, 11am
- **WHERE:** Patron of Fine Arts, Indiranagar
- **CALL:** 89701 11841

Sing with Friends

Participate in karaoke nights and Antakshari games hosted by Anmol Jain. Enjoy an affordable, fun-filled evening of singing, games, and musical camaraderie.

- **WHEN:** November 19, 12pm
- **WHERE:** Casa Karaoke, JP Nagar
- **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

Trail Quest

Embark on an adventure to the Netravathi peak and through the Kudremukh forest ranges on this 3-day, 14-kilometre trek. It will take you through scenic destinations like Somavati waterfalls and Belur temple.

- **WHEN:** November 22, 8pm
- **WHERE:** Karachi Bakery, Indiranagar
- **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

ARTCORNER

WINGED EXPRESSIONS

Known for his iconic portrayals of women with butterflies, artist Nishant Dange's work reflects a deep connection to nature

OPEN SPACE
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Tech that never aged

FROM the 1990s to the turn of the millennium, and beyond, I witnessed technology evolve. Here, I wish to primarily refer to tech at home, one that entertained, was convenient, and integral to my life.

History books retell the discovery of fire and the invention of the wheel, which sparked humanity's quest to reach the zenith of technological advancement. The Paleolithic Period saw the onset of cave paintings, one of the earliest pastimes, perhaps? Fast-forwarding to the '90s, it was practically a 'decade of gizmos'. Indian households craved the best devices that offered entertainment and comfort, with an element of prestige. Purchasing power was growing, and so was a travelling, discerning consumer.

I lived in Oman, where I received my first pet. This pet was no dog, cat, or parrot, but a 'Tamagotchi'. This ingenious Japanese handheld digital pet had become a rage in the late '90s. My Tamagotchi featured a dinosaur. It was a small pager-like device, with some buttons and a monochrome screen. It played out like a handheld gaming system, with the dinosaur character taking birth from an egg, and beeping to let you know when it was hungry, needed a bath, was sleepy, was ill, or wanted to study, until it grew old and died, with the cycle repeating again. Subsequently, I possessed a Tamagotchi featuring an alien character, and one with eight different 'pets' in one device. Then there was the ubiquitous *Brick Game*, to binge on Tetris.

A part of post-homework fun would be in front of the 8-bit gaming console, a treasured possession for kids of that era. It would be a boys' hangout with *Super Mario Bros*, *Contra*, and *Duck Hunt*. Connected to a box colour TV, with the large boxy console hosting a much-coveted cartridge, and gamepads in hand, time felt frozen. The familiar jingles that played along these delightful games are eternally recorded in my head. For gaming with more effects, the arcade was never far away, where young and old became car racers, bikers, pilots, elite soldiers, and oarsmen, a token at a time.

The TV set was a literal crowd-puller, ask any wandering cricket fanatic of the '90s. On match day, with Sachin at the crease, any shop with a TV would turn into a flash mob, with tens of passersby gathering in front, anticipating a nail-biting finish. Roads would empty out, and people would sit tight together in the homes of friends, turning the moment into a medley of emotions. The box TV, or CRT TV, held the pride of place in one's living room. In due course, it metamorphosed into the flat screen, becoming 'smarter' in decades to come.

This was also an era when Bollywood and pop music boomed, and Indians had their favourite vocalists and albums. The 'music system', a large contraption usually involving a cassette deck and a CD player, connected to large speakers, was a music-lover's dream. Attach such equipment to a TV, it's a 'home theatre'! There were also VCRs and DVD players for that personal cinematic experience, with libraries renting out movie titles. The 'Walkman' was highly prized, which was succeeded by the 'Discman', and then emerged sleek MP3 players. It was music anywhere, everywhere! But there were also older folks who still loved their transistor radios for their daily dose of yesteryear classics and news.

The pager, previously mentioned, experienced a similar transformation. This handheld, compact communication and messaging tool was revolutionary, at a time when cordless phones and fax machines were already disrupting the market. In due course, the cellular phone arrived. With its miniaturised cordless phone appearance, antennae et al, this marvel was called a 'mobile phone' for a reason, allowing text messaging and calls literally on the move. It was an early precursor to the modern smartphone, which would converge most of the above features, the power of gaming, communication, audio-visual entertainment, photography, and almost every form of human tech need in one small device, to fit in the pocket, and driven by the Internet. From large PCs to tablets, and from film cameras to digital and phone ones, technology was built to suit, with convenience and ease of use at its core. It made the world even smaller, reachable and achievable. It reflected possibilities and made us happy, and I saw it happen, and still continue to see it!

(The writer's views are personal)

COLOUR ME HAPPY!

Bengalurueans are set to experience a celebration of humour, artistry, and culture as the International Clown Festival marks its 10th anniversary next week

POOJA DAS

LAUGHTER and joy have a universal language – a moment of shared humanity that lightens your soul. In an era where standup comedy has become the go-to for sharing laughs as a community, the International Clown Festival is set to bring the Bengaluru audience the art of clowning, an art form that can be traced back thousands of years, with roots in mediaeval times and the mythological archetype of tricksters. "The inspiration to begin this festival came from the lack of live entertainment for families in India. We don't really have events where children and parents can sit together and enjoy live performances," says Martin D'Souza, aka 'Flubber', the curator of the festival.

Celebrating its 10th anniversary, this milestone edition will bring together some of the finest clowns from around the world for a 120-minute theatrical extravaganza. With eight performers in each show representing ten countries – India, the USA, Canada, Brazil, Peru, Argentina, Italy, France, Germany, and Russia – the festival promises a dazzling display of diverse clowning traditions and universal humour. "When I travelled abroad to study clowning and met international clowns, I saw this huge variety and great quality in entertainment. Not everyone can go abroad to experience that, so I thought, why not bring them here?" shares D'Souza.

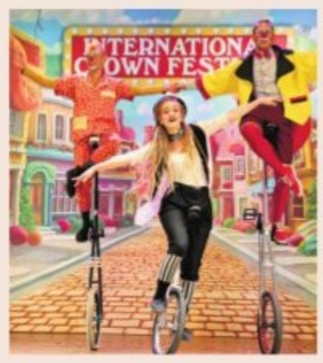
Bringing together diverse clowning traditions, D'Souza says that their focus remained on family entertainment. "European clowns use less makeup, while Latin American performers bring vibrant costumes and a lively energy. The uniqueness of each clown lies in their skill set, but the core of it is about connecting with families. I wanted performers who are strong character entertainers and who also bring a range of skills, like juggling, acrobatics, unicycling, and more," explains D'Souza.

The International Clown Festival is scheduled to be held in the city from November 29 to December 1 at Dr BR Ambedkar Bhavan, Vasanth Nagar. Tickets starting at ₹600 available on bookmyshow.com

At its core, the International Clown Festival is about fostering connections. "Family audiences are pretty much the same everywhere – they often lack opportunities to laugh and play together," D'Souza notes. By encouraging parents to relax and laugh with their children, D'Souza hopes to create memorable experiences that strengthen family bonds. "For us adults, life is all about work and stress, but when a child sees their parents laughing and playing, there's a strong bonding that happens. It creates a big shift in the family's mindset and brings so much joy and unity."

Reflecting on the festival's 10-year journey, D'Souza says, "In the beginning, people in India didn't know much about clowning; they had no clear idea of what it entailed. But over the years, as we introduced a wider variety from different countries, the quality of the performances and the skills improved. We started with just one or two cities. Now, we're performing in 10 cities. The festival has grown – not only in terms of the number of entertainers and countries joining but also in our ability to reach a larger audience."

Bengaluru holds a special place in the festival's history, having hosted several memorable performances. "It is one of my favourite cities. Given the busy work culture and travel demands here, people really appreciate the chance to unwind and have fun," says D'Souza.



Waking up in love

LOVEOLOGY
Mahesh Natarajan
(The author is a counsellor with InnerSight)

WHEN you wake up in the morning, do you find yourself taking some time to orient yourself to the world around you?

A good majority of us, even the ones who have alarms set up every few minutes to ensure we don't fall back asleep, spend a few minutes in bed on waking up before we start the day. Sometimes, it is about just wanting to crawl back into the precious relaxed sense of deep sleep, and at other times, maybe we are trying hard to hold on to the quickly dissipating mists of sweet dreams, or even scary nightmares, before they disappear in the wake of day. We might spend some time stretching and breathing, getting used to our own body again, and if we are over 40, trying to get our muscles and joints moving again. For a lot of us, all this lasts very few seconds before the alertness that the day ahead requires, comes rushing in and we jump out of bed to get at the endless list of things to be done.

That little time between being fully awake and fully asleep is so fleeting. The question to ask is: How often and how much of that time do you spend feeling love, thinking of your partners and connecting with them?

When you do have the privilege and good fortune to go to sleep with and wake up with someone you love, the last thing you do before going to sleep and the first thing you do when you wake is to reach out for a hug or a cuddle, or any little moment of connection, it feels truly good. That intimacy is special but we often take it for granted. As relationships get into a longer-term territory of cohabitation, at the end of the honeymoon period, so to say, people often drift into their routines. One wakes up earlier, the other wants to watch TV late into the night, or there are household duties that make one necessarily get up an hour earlier, or work demands time away – we end up sacrificing the easy intimacy of just waking up together, feeling loving thoughts. It is worse if we are anyway living on our own, sleeping alone.

We start to forget loving when we wake up. We wake up and get ready to be busy, whatever our busyness might be about. Unless you are literally in love with your work and want to work 70-80 hours a week and get sad if the working week is made five days a week instead of six, if anyone asks you what is the most important thing in your life, you are not likely to name your busyness but who you love. When that is so, why not take a moment to love in the morning? As much as you stretch out your limbs, why not stretch out your feelings of love as well?

Take a minute every morning to be in loving kindness to yourself and everyone around you. You are likely to have a better day.

(The writer's views are personal)

CHANGE OF NAME

I, VEDHASHREE RAMAMURTHY, D/o. Ramamurthy, Aged about 26 years, Residing at #21/8, Lakshmi Siddeshwara Nilaya, Kanakapura Main Road, Near Manasa Theatre, Konanakunte cross, Doddakallasandra, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560062 have changed my name from **VEDHASHREE R, VEDHASHREE to VEDHASHREE RAMAMURTHY** vide Affidavit dated 14-11-2024 sworn before advocate and notary D. Rajanna, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, AZMATH ULLA, S/O. Syed Abdul Gaffoor, Residing at No. 39 and 40, Flat No. 101, 1st Floor, Lucky Corner, Rose Garden Road, J P Nagar 5th Phase, Bangalore - 560078, have changed my name from **AZMATH ULLAH to AZMATH ULLA,** I have decided to continue my name in future as **AZMATH ULLA** vide Affidavit dated 30/10/2024 before MOHAMMED HUSSAIN K, Advocate & Notary, Bangalore.

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I, **RADHA**, W/o Rajiv Singh Jadon, R/o Plot No.11, Anuradha Residency, Flat No. 401, Duo Enclave, Kodichikanahalli, Begur Bangalore -560076, have permanently changed my name from **RADHA** to **RADHA BHADOURIYA**, vide affidavit dated 16/11/2024, sworn before Notary L.Puttaraju, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) ANNAPOORNA BARAGENAHALLI KUMARASWAMY** W/o Ningana Gowda V Patil residing at # 188, 1st Main Road, 8th Cross Soundarya Layout, Near Sidedahalli Circle, Nagasandra Post, Bangalore, Karnataka-560073, have changed my Name from **(OLD ANNAPOORNA BARAGENAHALLI KUMARASWAMY** to **(NEW NAME) ANNAPOORNA NINGANA PATIL** vide Affidavit dated 08.11.2024 sworn before Notary K.C.Shashikala., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **USHA V S**, W/o Vivekananda Siddapur, D/o Late Anantharamu, R/at No. 1152, 15th Floor, Tower 1, Prestige Southridge Apartment, Hoskerehalli Cross, BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore-560 085 do hereby declare that my maiden name is **ANANTHARAMU USHA**, after my marriage I have changed my name to **USHA V.S**, both the above said names are one and the same and refers to me only, vide affidavit dated 16-11-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **D.K. RAMESHAPPA** at Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
We SHANKAR. S and **MARY ANITHA. Y**, residing at No 47, Lord's Favor, 11th cross, Banjara layout, Opp Chowdappa Dental clinic, Horamavu, Bangalore 560043. We Parents have changed our daughter's name from **HENISHA SHANKAR** to **ESTHER SHANKAR** for all future purposes vide affidavit no IN-KA67175631484123W dated 14 November 2024 sworn before notary Y. R. Chandrashekar, Bangalore – 32

AFFIDAVIT
I, **Mrs. MUNIRATNAMMA M.**, Aged about 57 years, W/o. Mr. B. Lokesh, Residing at No. 3/2, Mookambika Temple Street, Mookambika Nagar, Hosakerehalli, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bangalore - 560 085, do hereby declare that, **MUNIRATNAMMA M.** and **RATHNAMMA MUNIYAPPA** these two above names are pertaining to my name i.e., **MUNIRATNAMMA M.** and this is my original name and my family members are called my name as **MUNIRATNAMMA M.** vide affidavit dated 16.11.2024 sworn to before Mamatha N.K. Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SANTHOSH PAWAR** S/o **M.R.Rathnoji Rao** R/at No. 125, Sanik road, Chatrapati Shivaji Colony, Mandur Village Virgonagar Post Bangalore District Karnataka -560049. Have changed my name to **SANTOSH PAWAR.R** vide affidavit dated: 18/11/2024 Before Notary **A. Gerard** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I,**C.GOVINDARAJULU,** S/o. C. Marenna, aged about 36 years, residing at Basavanakunta Medar Oni Siruguppa Road, Ballari, Now residing at Bangalore, have changed my minor son's name from **JAYARAM C** to **C JAYARAM**, vide affidavit dated 25/10/2024 sworn to before S.R.Thulasikrishna advocate and notary Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SATHISH K N, S/o. Late. Nagarajapp, aged about 44 years, Residing at No. 23A, Kempathimmanahalli, Karahalli(P),Devanahalli(T), Bangalore-562110, request the Concerned Authorities or whom so ever it may Concern to correct my My daughter's name as RITVI'S from RITUSHRI'S vide affidavit dated 31st August 2024 sworn in before Notary K.V. Nanjaiah.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MURUGAN KATHIRESAN,** R/at No. 54/79, Ellamma Building, 2nd Floor, Chunchaghatta Main Road, Ellamma Temple Street, Konanakunte Post, Bengaluru-560 062 o hereby declare that I have changed my minor daughter's name from **M HARIBHAIRAVI** to **M HARINI**, henceforth she shall be known and called as **M HARINI** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 15th Nov. 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **T.R. RAGHAVENDRA RAO** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
We SHANKAR. S and **MARY ANITHA. Y**, residing at No 47, Lord's Favor, 11th cross, Banjara layout, Opp Chowdappa Dental clinic, Horamavu, Bangalore 560043. We Parents have changed our daughter's name from **VANISHA SHANKAR** to **DEBORAH SHANKAR** for all future purposes vide affidavit no IN-KA67172166070442W dated 14 November 2024 sworn before notary Y. R. Chandrashekar, Bangalore – 32.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **AKMAL AHMED** S/o **Kareem Abdul Rehman** and Holder Passport No.K9830874 R/at No.6, 2nd Floor, 1st Cross, Kamanahalli Main Road, Kacharkanahalli Bengaluru-560084 have changed my name to **AKMAL AHMED REHMAN** vide affidavit dated; 18/11/2024 Before Notary **A. Gerard** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ZAINAB FATHIMA** D/o **Akmal Ahmed** and Holder Passport No.L2724358 R/at No.6, 2nd Floor, 1st Cross, Kamanahalli Main Road, Kacharkanahalli Bengaluru-560084 have changed my name to **ZAINAB AHMED** vide affidavit dated; 18/11/2024 Before Notary **A. Gerard** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **KEERTHANA,** aged about 34 years, W/o. B. Dorai Raju, Permanent address: Budenahalli, Doddamalur Post, Kodigenahalli Hobli, Madhugiri Talluk, Tumakuru, Karnataka - 572127, have changed my name from **GAYATHRIDEVI N** to **KEERTHANA,** vide affidavit dated 16/11/2024 sworn to before G.R.Ravichandra Reddy Advocate and Notary Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Sheela Hemanthakumar** R/at No.45, NAL Layout, East End Road, Jayanagar 4th 'T' Block, Bangalore 560041. I do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that I have changed my name as **SHEELA KUMAR** (New Name) in all official documents vide affidavit sworn to before Shreeshail B. Gobbani, Advocate and Notary Public on 15th Nov. 2024.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) KEMPARAJAMMA RUDREGOWDANA KOPPALU CHANNEGOWDA** W/o Hanumanthu, residing at Huliyurudurga Hobli, Hanumantha Nagara, Kunigal, Tumkur, Karnataka 572130, have changed my Name from **(OLD KEMPARAJAMMA RUDREGOWDANA KOPPALU CHANNEGOWDA** to **(NEW NAME) KEMPA RAJAMMA** vide Affidavit dated 15.11.2024 sworn before Notary K.C.Shashikala., Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **ARCHANA R KULKARNI**, Wife of Anil Kumar .N.V., Aged about 48 years, Residing at No. 203, GM Elegancy Apartment, 3rd Main, 3rd Cross, BEML 1st Phase, Rajarajeshwarinagar, Bengaluru - 560 098, do hereby declare that, my correct name is **ARCHANA R KULKARNI** But, in the BIRTH CERTIFICATE of my son issued by Mysore City Corporation Mysore, vide Registration No. 2/2011/1435 dated 23.12.2011 my name is wrongly entered as **ARCHANA ANIL KUMAR** instead of **ARCHANA R KULKARNI.** The said mistake was by oversight but not intentional. Vide affidavit dated 16.11.2024 sworn to before K. Venkata, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Benglauru.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **SAMIR SINGH**, S/o. Randhir Kumar Singh, Aged about 27 years, Residing at Gali, No. 07, Near Denobill School, Jai Prakash Nagar, VTC: Dhanbad, PO: Dhanbad, Sub District: Nirsa-cum-chirkunda, District : Dhanbad, Jharkhand 826 001, do hereby declare that, my name mentioned in Aadhaar Card **SAMIR SINGH** and mentioned in 10th Mark Sheet **SAMIR KUMAR SINGH** are one and the same person. That my actual true and correct name is **SAMIR SINGH.** Vide affidavit dated 24.10.2024 sworn to before Rajanna S.M., Advocate and Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **G.S.MANJUNATH,** S/o Late G.Swaminathan, R/at No.499, V.B.T. Road, 1st Main, Kamalanagar, Bangalore-560 079, have changed my name to **A.V.S.MANJUNATH.** Vide affidavit dated: 08-06-2004, sworn before notary B.R.Shashikala, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I **NAGESH BABU PAVULURU** S/o Pavuloori Ravindra Naidu, R/o No. 11-2, Nunjarlapalli, Parikidona, Chowdepalle, Chittor Dist., Andhra Pradesh - 517257, have changed the name of my minor son **PAVULLURY LAKSHITH** aged 16 years and he shall hereafter be known as **LAKSHITH PAVULURU,** vide affidavit dated 13-11-2024 sworn before Notary **S. Shakar,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, REYA PILLAI, (Old Name), D/o. RAGHU PILLAI, RESIDING AT NO. 22, REYA, 1ST MAIN, 4TH CROSS, GOPALAPPA LAYOUT, MANORAYANAPALYA, R.T. NAGAR POST, BENGALURU 560 032, HAVE CHANGED MY PREVIOUS NAME **"REYA PILLAI"** TO NEW NAME **"REYA PILLAI R",** VIDE AFFIDAVIT DATED 15-11-2024, BEFORE THE NOTARY SIVAKUMARA M.N, BENGALURU METROPOLITAN AREA, FOR ALL OFFICIAL AND LEGAL PURPOSES

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'I ENJOY ENGAGING WITH CHARACTERS ON A DEEPER LEVEL'

...says Milana Nagaraj as she discusses her next release, *Aaram Aravinda Swamy*, and sharing screen space with Aniissh for the first time in an Abhishek Shetty directorial

A SHARADHAA

MILANA Nagaraj is currently balancing her career with the joys of motherhood. As she cherishes every moment spent with her daughter, the actor is also gearing up for her next release, *Aaram Aravinda Swamy*, where she will share screen space with Aniissh for the first time.

Milana finds it exciting to collaborate with new faces and have fresh combinations in cinema. "Working with fresh combinations is always interesting and exciting," she shares. "Krishna, my husband, was more excited than myself about me working with Aniissh. Aniissh is a dedicated actor. He knows exactly what he needs to do. We didn't have to speak much, but we found our comfort zone on set. Even though we aren't the best of friends, there was an understanding, and that made the work easier." She goes on to add, "But for me, it was the story, director Abhishek Shetty, and the team that made me take up this film. They are passionate filmmakers who share the same thought process, which is important."

In *Aaram Aravinda Swamy*, produced by Srikanth Prasanna and Prashant Reddy, Milana plays a Malayali teacher—a character quite different from what audiences may have seen her portray before. She explains, "It's something fresh for me, and I worked hard to get the nuances right, including trying out a bit of a Malayalam accent. I'm always open to exploring new characters. Who doesn't want to be versatile?"

For Milana, the key to making a role stand out lies in how you approach it. "I know Aniissh is taking responsibility for a lot in the film, but the question is, how do you stand out in the role you're given? That's something the audience can look forward to," she says confidently.

Comedy, once an essential part of many films, is now undergoing a transformation in the industry or is almost fading out. Milana explains how the genre has evolved over time. "There was a time when we had separate comedy tracks in films, but today, in my opinion, that doesn't work as much. Comedy has to be situational, and the character should blend naturally with the story. It's all about the writing and the actors' performances. If it works, then nothing like it!"

As a viewer herself, Milana reveals her personal preference for films that stir emotions. "I love to laugh and cry when I watch a film. I can't simply watch a movie; I like to interact with the characters. I enjoy engaging with them on a deeper level, and I think that's the kind of audience I am."

In a romantic comedy like *Aaram Aravinda Swamy*, building a good rapport with co-actors is crucial, and Milana understands that well. "It's always a plus point to build a rapport with your co-actors. But no matter what, as an actor, I have to give my best to the role. Some actors prefer not to rehearse, but I demand rehearsals because they help enhance the scenes."

Milana believes that a film is more than just a hero-heroine story. "*Aaram Aravinda Swamy* will stand out because even the various actors in the film have well-developed and important roles in the story," says the actor.

She also looks back at her career, recalling a valuable lesson she learnt from her husband. "From the beginning of my career until now, I've never focused on how much screen space I have. Krishna always tells me that you can win the audience's heart with just two scenes if you're a capable actor. That's the charm we should carry as actors."

Milana is not one to rest. Despite her recent focus on family life, she has already started considering new scripts. "I'm not taking a break. I've been in discussions for new projects, and I'm also busy with our next film from our production house. I'll reveal the details soon," she says.

I PUSHED THROUGH MY HESITATIONS TO PLAY THE ROLE: HRITHIKA SRINIVAS

Hrithika Srinivas, a fresh face who caught attention with her performance in *Aparoopa*, is quickly carving a niche for herself in the industry. While she's excited about several projects, it's her role in Abhishek Shetty's *Aaram Aravinda Swamy* that has her especially excited. In the film, Hrithika plays a girl with a disability and no dialogue, relying solely on her expressions to convey a range of emotions, an opportunity for her to prove herself. "I was told a lot of actors rejected the role, but I took it as a challenge," she shares. Hrithika's performance has already garnered praise from her co-star, Aniissh. "An appreciation from Aniissh means a lot to me," she says, adding, "I was nervous at first, watching him and Milana Nagaraj, both experienced actors. I wondered if I could match their standards. But once I got into the role, I pushed through my hesitation." What she didn't expect was the invaluable lessons she'd learn from Aniissh and Milana. "At first, I thought Aniissh might be serious and carry an attitude because of his intense looks. But he's super fun and easy to work with," Hrithika reveals, adding, "I've learnt about being flexible and not letting first impressions shape expectations."

Hrithika Srinivas

The film marks the directorial debut of Pratap Gandharva, with a story by Hari Santhosh, who also serves as the creative head

Congratulations Brother in the works

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Congratulations Brother is a popular line often used by politician Zameer Ahmed, and it is now the title of an upcoming film from Pen & Paper Productions. The production house, which has previously worked on several web series, now makes their first feature film with *Congratulations Brother*, which was officially launched on Monday.

The film is directed by debutant Pratap Gandharva and written by Hari Santhosh, the creative head of the project. Hari Santhosh, along with his team, spent a year developing the script, ensuring the story would connect with a wide audience. "We've been a group of twelve friends working together for the past two years, and this film is the result of that journey," said Hari Santosh. "We kept the morning show audience in mind while developing the story."

A still from the film

Rakshit Naga, known for his work in TV shows and theatre, plays the lead role in the film. "This is my first film as a lead actor, and it's a significant step for me," Rakshit said, expressing his excitement about the opportunity. Sanjana stars as the female lead, while newcomer Anusha will also be introduced in a key role.

The film, a romantic drama, is produced by Prashanth Kallur, Harish, and Ravikumar. The film has music by Suraj Joyce and cinematography by Guru. The team has commenced shooting for the film, after the simple muhurath.

Director Pratap Gandharva shared his enthusiasm for the project: "This is my first film as a director, and it's a new step for many of us in the team. Starting something new is never easy, but Hari Santosh made the process smoother for all of us. We worked hard on the story and screenplay, and we believe it will resonate with the audience."

A Harsha to make big-ticket Bollywood debut with *Baaghi 4*

A Harsha

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A Harsha, known for his dance choreography and having proved his mettle as a director, is taking a giant leap into Bollywood helming his first Hindi film, *Baaghi 4*, starring Tiger Shroff. With over 800 songs as a choreographer, Harsha made his directorial debut in 2007 with the Kannada film *Geleya*. Since then, he has helmed over 11 projects, including hits like the *Bhajarangi* series and *Vajrakaya*, working with stars like Darshan for *Chingari*, Puneeth Rajkumar for *Anjani Putra*, and four films with Shivarajkumar.

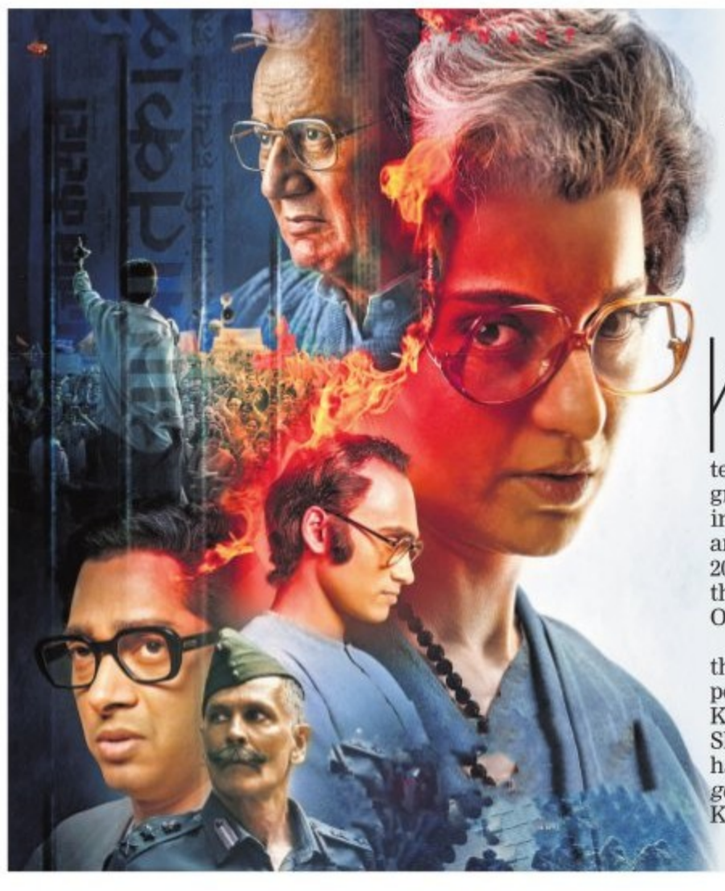
The announcement came with a bold and edgy poster, featuring Tiger Shroff in a shocking pose. In the image, Tiger sits on a toilet seat in a blood-soaked bathroom, holding a machete in one hand, a bottle of alcohol in the other, and a cigarette on his lips. The caption reads, "A darker spirit, a bloodier mission. This time he is not the same!"

The film is produced by renowned producer Sajid Nadiadwala, who has a knack for backing big, commercial hits. The film, which is set for a September 5, 2025 release, went on floors on Monday. According to Harsha, the production team had been scouting for a South Indian director, and he fit the bill. "The discussions for my Bollywood debut were ongoing while I was working on my Telugu film *Bhima*," Harsha reveals, adding, "I've spent the past eight months in Mumbai, fully focused on the project. The producers have studied my work as both a choreographer and director, and they believed I could bring something unique to the *Baaghi* series."

Though the *Baaghi* films are known for their high-octane action and commercial appeal, Harsha says that *Baaghi 4* will be different. "This will not be a remake of any South Indian films," he assures. "It's going to be grittier, with mere raw intensity. Tiger's character will undergo a complete makeover. We've reimagined his action sequences with extreme moves and emotions, which will be a new experience for the audience."

Harsha further says that he along with the team have come up with a strong script. "The screenplay is very unique and has dialogue, written by Rajat Arora, who has penned some excellent lines. Sajid has a keen understanding of scripts, and this is not a regular commercial film. We're aiming for a darker, more intense vibe," he explains.

In a surprising turn, Harsha will not be choreographing songs for *Baaghi 4*. "I've stepped away from choreography for the last few years and concentrate entirely on direction. "As a director, I will put in my best effort, but Hindi cinema will be a new chapter for me, and I'm excited to bring my vision to life in Bollywood."



EMERGENCY GETS NEW RELEASE DATE

KANGANA Ranaut's much-delayed political drama, *Emergency*, now has a new release date. On Monday, the actor announced through social media that the film will be released in theatres on January 17, 2025.

The film was earlier scheduled to be released on September 6 but was unable to get a CBFC certificate after a Sikh group claimed that they weren't being depicted in a fair light in the film. Kangana shared a poster of the film to make the announcement, along with a caption that reads, "17th January 2025 – The epic saga of the nation's most powerful woman and the moment that altered India's destiny. *Emergency* – Unveils Only in cinemas on 17.01.2025."

The upcoming film is directed by Kangana and is based on the life of the late prime minister Indira Gandhi who had imposed a nationwide *emergency* in 1975. It also stars Anupam Kher, Satish Kaushik, Mahima Chaudhary, Milind Soman, Shreyas Talpade, and Vishak Nair. Noted writer Ritesh Shah has penned the screenplay and dialogue of the film. *Emergency* is produced by Kangana Ranaut, Renu Pitti, and Umesh KR Bansal.